

His hands fall from the wheel; he looks no more
To see what reef or shoal may be ahead,
What narrow channel there may be to thread,
What jagged rocks may jut out from the shore!
What message is it that the leadmen send?
"MARK TWAIN!" The troubled engines
cease to throb,
The song the breezes sang ends in a sob:
The trip is done—the world has lost a friend.

On lips he taught to smile the laughter dies,
The sun shines with a lesser, fainter glow;
Along the shores where mirth was spread a low,
Sad murmur passes, and, with tear-dimmed eyes,
Men look out on the stream, yet, while they gaze,
In silence share the comforting belief
That, safe in port, beyond the last dread reef,
His soul is gladdened by a Captain's praise.
—S. E. KISER.

THE ENCHANTED SHEEP-FOLD.

The hills far off were blue, blue,
The hills at hand were brown;
And all the birds called to me
As I came by the down.
The white turned to roses—roses,
Ever we stayed to pull
A little white rose, and a red little
rose,
And a lock of silver wool.
Nobody heeded—none, none,
And then true love came by.
They thought him naught but the
shepherd boy,
Nobody knew but I.
The trees were feathered like birds,
Birds were in every tree.
Yet nobody heeded, nobody heard,
Nobody knew save me.
And he is fairer than all—
How could a heart go wrong?
For his eyes I knew, and his knee
mine.
Like an old, old song,
Josephine Preston Peabody.

A Woman's No

Cyril Otterson proposed to me for the first time at Henley regatta. We were in a Canadian canoe, and Cyril plied his case passionately into my left ear in the intervals between pushing boats and punts out of our path. Why he chose such a ridiculous time I have never understood, and I found it exceedingly difficult to convey my answer to him with the decision and clearness I should have liked—that answer being a decided negative.
A widow of 32, with a tidy income, never lacks admirers of a sort; and a certain amount of good looks, which I know, without conceit, I possess, and men become a positive nuisance.
"No, Cyril, dear," I said, "I really couldn't. You know I like you awfully, and, what's more, you amuse me, and, of course, we shall always be pals. But marriage, I never again."
"All right," said Cyril, in that peculiarly aggravating way he has, "fall right, old girl, but I'm a long way from beaten, and you wait and see; I shall marry you somehow."
The second time he proposed to me was in a box at the theater. It happened to be a very pathetic play, and Cyril, who has no idea of the fitness of things, kept whispering words of love and adoration while the audience were in a state of dreadful suspense as to whether an erring wife would return to her husband or no. When I had the opportunity, which was during the entr'acte, I said to him: "Now, Cyril, don't be silly; you know quite well that I have given you my final answer."
Cyril said nothing much beyond reiterating his former statement that I was the only woman in the world for him, and other nonsense of that sort, and that he was not beaten. The third time that he proposed to me was in my own drawing room. He had been in a more or less dormant state for awhile, and that being so, I thought there was no great harm in assuring him to tea. We first of all talked about the usual banalities, but, somehow, though I tried desperately hard to keep off dangerous topics, we soon found ourselves in deep water.
"Say, Muriel," he said, Muriel being my name, "it's going to be heart-breaking for me all October and November, and I've been thinking things over, and I have an idea, rather a good one, I think."
"Oh," I answered, "what's the idea? Something sensible, I hope. You know my mind quite well on certain points."
"Yes, I know all that, but, as a matter of fact, you don't know yourself as well as I do. What are the plain facts? Firstly, that I simply adore the ground you walk on, that I am head over ears in love with you, with the complete joy, mental, physical and spiritual, as if you like it better, body and soul, I want your companionship for my life, and with it can do things

without it I can't. Secondly, you are all alone, and you admit I amuse you; well, then, why shouldn't I amuse you perpetually? Anyhow, you can't really suppose that I'm going to accept a negative answer. Why, Muriel, dear, it's impossible, and if you won't make up your mind the way I want, then I am going to do it for you. I propose we get married on February 7. I'll go ahead and make all the arrangements, and I'll just give you time to clear off your engagements."
I must admit his cheek simply paralyzed me, and I said: "Now, look here, Cyril, you know I am quite fond of you, but there is a limit even to friendship. The idea of your daring to make a cold-blooded proposition like that to me is simply staggering."
He made no direct reply, merely murmuring some nonsense about Monte Carlo having points over Cairo in the month of February. Then he buttoned up his coat, and said he must be off; kissed my hand—he's never dared to go farther than that—and said: "All right, Muriel, don't worry; you'll hear from me, and remember the seventh."
The next I heard of Cyril was about a month later, that being towards the end of November. He wrote a long letter, narrating all his shenanigans and so on, and then, if you please, cited up with the following postscript: "Don't forget the 7th of February. I am quite sure that Monte will be more amusing than Cairo, unless you particularly want to go to Egypt. We shall have a ripping time, and I can't tell you how I'm looking forward to it."

Of course, I had to answer, and like-wise gave him my views on the matter in a postscript. It ran: "Don't be an idiot. I hate silly jokes, and I don't even know where I shall be on the date you mention."
December passed off quickly, Cyril only writing once, saying he was making all the arrangements, and sending me a perfectly lovely bracelet—a flex-



ible gold snake with an emerald head and tiny ruby eyes. It was simply too fascinating, and, as Cyril said it was for Christmas, I saw no harm in keeping it, besides which I was fond of him in a way.
In January I was once more back in town at my own flat, and he came to see me. He looked awfully fit and nice after his country spell, and never even referred to what I call unpleasant subjects all just as he was going, when he said casually, "Don't forget the date, dear, will you?"
"I thought that joke was quite exploded," I answered uneasily, for somehow there was something very compelling about him, which I wished to hide from myself.
"Exploded, dearest? What do you think I am about?" and he caught me by the hands and looked straight into my eyes. "Don't you know the truth yet, that I love you with every fiber of my being, and don't you also know that I'm going to make you love me every bit as much?"
With his departure, a feeling that I had been very near the brink of surrender overcame me, and I began to allow to myself that my life was at times more than a little lonely, and that being looked after by Cyril had

its points. Day by day I turned the question over in my thoughts, and day by day I found myself weakening. Moreover, I had seen no more of him, and he had not even written. Men don't realize what a weapon is their sex—the feeling that perhaps they are not paying one as much attention as heretofore. In fact, I was becoming actually worried. It was not the end of January and I had made no plans. Somehow I felt disinclined to, and the most absurd part was that I found myself packing mechanically all my prettiest dresses, to the astonishment of my maid, who asked me where I was going. I said Monte Carlo, which I positively hoped now was true.
February came and still no news, with the result that I began to work myself into a fever.
It seems almost incredible, but the silence remained unbroken till the evening of the 6th, when I received a telegram containing three words: "Remember the 7th!"
Remember, why I had done nothing but think of it all the time, and now, at the very last minute, came a message like that. The man must be mad, how could one be married at a minute's notice?
I spent a horrible night, and came down in the morning feeling miserable and that what was much worse, uneasy about to elope in walked Cyril. He came and collected as though it was a most ordinary proceeding.
"Well, little girl," he said, "are you coming? I've got a special license from doctors' commons, and we've just time to get married, have a bite of lunch at the Berkeley, and catch the afternoon Continental express."

I went.—Alan Sethbridge in M. A. P.

ALFONSO HAS A DOUBLE.

King Alfonso Joke Played on Madrid. Who Had One Great Ambition. It is said that all have their "double" in this world, and apparently King Alfonso has his and thereby hangs the following tale:
A matador who styles himself El Valiente has or rather had an overpowering ambition and indeed which had become a perfect obsession with him—and this was to be presented to King Alfonso, but months passed on and his desire did not seem likely to be gratified.
A certain youth residing in Madrid is the image of the king in nearly every particular, a correspondent of the New York World says. Indeed, when in Paris some three or four years ago he was often mistaken for him, many newspapers of that capital announcing that his majesty was there incognito.
This youth determined that if El Valiente could not be received by the real king he should salute his double, and so, with the connivance of trusted friends who quite entered into the spirit of the thing, arranged that on a certain afternoon "his majesty" would visit the bull fighters' casino so that the matador should then be presented to him.
El Valiente was duly informed and, arraying himself in his best, convinced that the dream of his life was about to be accomplished, awaited the visit of "his majesty" and in due time was presented to him. He afterward expressed himself as charmed with the "king's" affability.
Not for a long while did the matador learn of the hoax which had been played on him. Now he has vowed vengeance on its perpetrator.
No one laughed more heartily over this adventure than King Alfonso himself when he heard of it. It is rumored that in the kindness of his heart he may send for El Valiente and concede to him an authentic interview.

Staggering. Suffragette—What is a party without women? Mere Man (slippantly)—A stag party. Suffragette—Exactly. And what, sir, would this nation be without women? Not for stagnation—Christian Register. Even baseball fans can't keep the flies off.

FRIENDS OF MISSIONS IN GREAT GATHERING

Notable Men of Nation and World Attend Convention in Chicago.

AN EVENT OF HIGHEST IMPORT

Every Protestant Church Is Represented in Step Toward Christian Unity.

Representing every Protestant denomination in the United States, 3,500 business men, foreign missionaries and men of national and world-wide note gathered in Chicago for the men's national missionary congress, one of the greatest religious events of recent years. It was the climax of the national campaign of the laymen's missionary movement, in which conventions have been held in seventy-five cities.

The event which opened at 3 p. m. Tuesday in the Auditorium was the first gathering in the history of the country of representatives of all the Protestant churches. It is regarded as one of the greatest steps ever taken toward church unity. The accredited delegates were from every State in the Union except Nevada. They discussed America's religious responsibility to the rest of the world and were to adopt a missionary policy for the entire country.

The needs of the heathen were discussed by such men as Lord William Cecil, brother of the Earl of Salisbury; Prince T. H. Yun, of Korea, and the leaders among foreign missionaries. In attendance were former Vice President Fairbanks, Governor Hadley of Missouri, former Governor Folk of that State, former Governor Hanly of Indiana and many United States Senators.

One of the achievements planned, as recommended by the local co-operating committee, is to increase the offerings of the churches in Chicago to foreign missions from \$180,000, the amount given last year, to a quarter million dollars.

America's religious responsibility to the Orient was the subject at Sunday's session of the Chicago convention in Orchestra Hall. Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, a missionary to China, declared that the awakening of the Orient to the influence of Western civilization and the consequent influx of American youth and morals placed the responsibility for China's moral future upon the American people. Missionary W. N. Blair declared that 1,000,000 souls was the goal set for the results this year in the present revival in Korea. Attorney Mornay Williams, chairman of the New York State Board of Charities and Correction, declared that America, with all her money and power, must be looked for the outcome in China and Korea.

Sunday evening fifty of the delegates to the national congress preached in churches in Chicago and the vicinity. Rear Admiral Proctor, U. S. N., retired, addressed a large audience in the Christ Episcopal Church on the needs of foreign missions.

BRIBERY CHARGE IN ILLINOIS

Legislator Says Senatorial Deadlock Was Broken by Vote-Buying.

An amazing story alleging bribery and corruption in the election of William Lorimer as United States Senator from Illinois was unfolded to State Attorney J. W. Wayman in Chicago the other day by Representative Charles A. White of St. Clair County, who made a confession to the public prosecutor that he received \$1,000 for his vote.

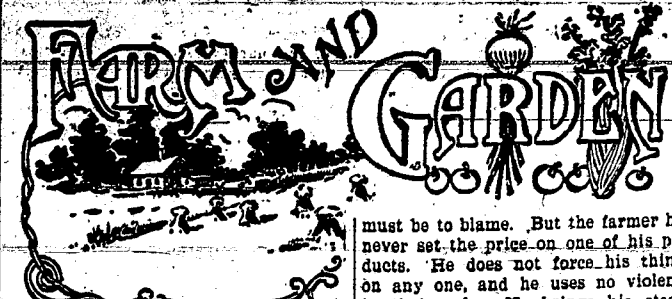
Charges that the breaking of the celebrated deadlock was accomplished by the wholesale buying of votes at prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, were accompanied by further allegations from White that he had participated to the extent of \$900 in the splitting up of the "jack pot," a term he used to designate a "slush fund" alleged to have been collected for the defeat on passage of legislation. The disclosures, which shook State politics to its foundation, were followed by immediate steps on the part of the authorities to start investigations.

Senator Lorimer makes emphatic denial of the White charges, and says no votes were purchased. Minority Leader Lee O'Neil Browne asserts that White's story originated as a blackmailing scheme. Representative Robert E. Wilson, who is said to be the person who paid to White the money for his vote, says White's charges are false and denies knowledge of a "jack pot" or "slush fund."

End Pittsburgh Mine Dispute. The controversy between the 40,000 union miners and the operators of the Pittsburgh soft coal district, which has resulted in a month's suspension of mining, was settled last night. The miners have returned to work.

Charley Taft Is "Ducked." Charley Taft, the President's son, who attends his uncle's school in Watertown, received a ducking at the hands of some of his fellow students. Young Taft took his immersion good naturedly and emerged from the brook bedraggled but smiling.

Buy Twenty-one Grain Elevators. The Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Company of Salina, Kan., announced the purchase of twenty-one elevators from the Peavy Grain and Elevator Company of Minneapolis and the Midland Company of Kansas. The latter concern is a branch of the Peavy Company. This gives the Shellabarger Company thirty-four elevators in Kansas.



If a pig has a languid appetite there is something wrong somewhere.

Hens that lay soft-shelled eggs may be helped by a little more vegetables or green food and oyster-shell.

Separators have become commonly known through the use of power machines at creameries and separating stations.

Too much working will spoil the grain of butter and make it soft, while leaving too much water in will spoil its keeping qualities.

It is about as profitable to try to do two things at once as it is to try to raise two crops on the same piece of ground at the same time.

The advocates of a sod mulch and cultivation are still fighting as bitterly as ever and probably will continue to do so until the end of time.

Do not pick out the poorest soil you have for the orchard. The best is none too good. A slope to the south makes a good location for most fruit.

Butter worth 40 cents a pound is made from the same milk that grease worth 20 cents a pound is made from, and it takes as much to make the one as the other.

The algae opens up the soil to the ameliorating influence of the air and sun, giving the new sown seed a warm and invigorating bed which is a necessity to perfect germination.

A farmer, recently presented to the chamber of commerce at San Jose, California, a mushroom that weighed twenty pounds. It was as large as a prize pumpkin and would furnish a meal for fifty people.

Farmers are learning how to coax the American hen to make the most of her opportunities. The agricultural department reports that 78 per cent of all eggs set last year were hatched, and the mortality of hen-hatched chickens was only 10 1/2 per cent.

Get Rid of Male Fowls.

Do not keep a single male more than you require during the winter. They should be sold before they are 4 months old, to bring the highest price. Estimate the cost of keeping one a year and it will be found to be 50 cents at least, and when he is then sold he will not bring over 12 cents a pound. He should be sold when he can be used as a broiler, the price being greater for that kind of fowl.

How Animals Use Their Tails.

Very few people ever stop to observe what very useful things animals' tails are for their owners. Horses, cows and other creatures use their caudal appendages as they happen. Cats, squirrels and many more, twist them around their necks for comforters. The rat has raised the use of his tail to a fine art, for by its means it guides the blind and steals fish, oil and cream out of jars and bottles.

The raccoon catches crabs with its tail and the monkey finds his tail a valuable asset in swinging his way through his native forests. Fish steer their way by means of their tail, the ant eater uses his bushy tail as an umbrella, while the vanity of the peacock is fed by the beauty of its tail feathers.

It Pays to Feed Like This.

J. H. Maxey and son, L. F. Maxey, of Sangamon county, Ill., sold forty-two steers averaging 1,425 pounds at \$6.48 per cwt. at home, bringing in \$96.90 per head. The latter estimates that the pigs following these cattle made 75 pounds of pork per steer at 6 1/2 cents, \$5.06. Total returns per steer, \$101.96. These steers were bought at about 4 cents when they averaged close to 1,000 pounds, making their cost, with commission, etc., \$45 per head. Each animal at 66 bushels of 60-cent corn, \$39.60; and the roughage of blue grass, timothy and clover is estimated at \$5 per head—a total cost of \$84.60. Margin of profit, \$17.36 per steer. Allowing something for underestimation of cost, there must be \$10 per head, or a total of \$420 return for the care of the bunch of cattle. Perhaps the manure alone, a very essential part of their improved farming system, is worth the labor, and his \$420 is profit.

The Good Cow.

A good cow is young. She should not be more than 4 or 5 years old when you buy her. The next four years will be her best. You want her during that time. The good cow will have a good big bag and raised teats. You can't get milk without some place for storing it. Then follow the milk vein up and see if it be large, entering the body through a good-sized aperture.

The cow dislikes changes. Do not turn her out to feed and keep her in to-morrow; don't feed her hay to-day and corn fodder to-morrow. Give her as few changes as possible. She will expect something that you cannot give, and she will stand and low if your cows are allowed to fill up on straw and dry cornstalks in the field that have little or no feeding value for milk. It will appease her appetite and she will not eat as much of the feed that has the properties for making milk as she should, and there is an unnecessary shrinkage.

The Original Eight-Hour Man. The farmer is the original eight-hour man. Talk about your labor unions demanding the eight-hour day. The farmer worked eight hours long ago and does yet—eight hours in the morning and eight in the afternoon. There must be some blame somewhere for the high cost of living; somebody

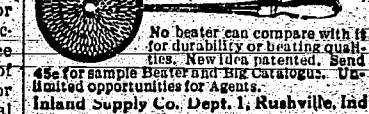
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Country Picnic of To-Day. Suppose you had been touring in an airship and had been spinning over Kansas in a light summer breeze. Suppose that you had noticed signs of activity as you approached the little town called Frankfort. Picture your astonishment, says J. C. George Frederic, in the Travel Magazine, on learning that there was an automobile race on that day and that several hundred farmers and their families were steaming their cars into town, until the streets of the town were quite blocked with autos!

Your ideas of a backwoods Kansas town and the farmers would have a rude jar, for here was Mrs. Farmer in a becoming automobile vest and a stylish tafformed suit taking tea at an afternoon reception instead of working the bitter churn. In a wrapper, or starling open-mouthed out of the window in a scared way when you steamed past in your auto.

And there was her daughter, draped in the sweetest of summer gowns, talking of college days with a dapper youth with a fraternity husband and positively the latest thing off Broadway in neckwear! And that was one little unknown town in Kansas!

News to Her. He—Concerning love, everything possible has been said and thought. She (coolly)—But not to me.—File. Sander Blaetter.

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HomeCircleDepartment

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Grude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

DON'TS FOR WIVES.

Don't relate to the tired husband all trifling details of home life.

Don't make your home a "wailing place."

Don't tell your husband all your troubles; don't tell them to any one but him.

Don't withhold from your children the only heritage that you can give, contentment and faith.

Don't ask for a new gown the day you remember it to be "office check day."

Don't let your anxiety to get to church on time Sunday morning make you cross to your entire family for the entire day.

Don't think you possess all the business knowledge in the family, and that the husband's life as well as business, will prove a failure should he fail to follow your advice.

Don't let your husband make a beggar of you. The woman who takes money from her husband's pocket steals only her own self-respect. Men are reasonable creatures and will generally accord their wives the treatment they expect and require.

If you want to keep your children away from sin, you can only do so by making their home attractive. You can preach sermons, advocate reforms and denounce wickedness, and yet your children will be captivated by the glittering saloons of sin, unless you make your home brighter than any other place on earth to them. Gather all the charms you possibly can into your house. If you can afford it, bring books and pictures and cheerful entertainments to the household. But above all teach those children, not by half an hour, twice a year on the Sabbath day, but day after day, and every day, teach them that religion is a great gladness, that it throws chains of gold about the neck, that it takes no spring from the foot, no bitterness from the heart, no sparkle from the eye, no ring from the laughter, but that "her ways are ways of pleasantness" and all her paths are peace.

It is her own fault if a woman is unloved and neglected. That is a harsh statement to make, but it is a fact. Mortal man is a weakling who can no more resist kindness than a rose can resist the sun. It is a weak, helpless woman's duty to make herself attractive and pretty in the very face of discouragement. Calisthenics, poise, tact, finesse, or by any other term, but she must turn in the edges and make allies instead of antagonists of the people about her. Spotless neatness, becoming feminine attire, truth, kindness, cheerfulness, love, and the loyalty that restrains her from speaking ill of her neighbors will make many a woman lovely, even though she lacks beauty.

The effort at "pleasing mother" should be cultivated in the child's heart. Early in life they should begin the cultivation of thought and effort with reference to the gratification of her wishes and of making her happy. If they would do this they would find daily opportunities for speaking kind words and rendering such helpful services and showing such noble traits of character in dealings with others, as would gladden the heart and lighten the cares of mother in a way too often little thought of. If boys, if girls, could but realize their indebtedness to their mothers, they certainly would generally be very much more anxious about pleasing them. The great men of the world, who have acknowledged their great indebtedness to their mothers, took great delight in pleasing them. But most of all their noble lives, their courage in doing right and their honorable achievements in public life were especially pleasing to their noble mothers. Hardly a higher tribute can be paid to any young man's success in life than "It pleased his mother."

A CONTENTED SPIRIT.

Remember, if you have only what is called an ordinary home, that the great deliverers of the world have all come from such a home. And there may be seated reading at your evening stand a child who shall be potent for the ages. Just unroll the scroll of men mighty in church and state, and you will find they nearly all came from log cabin or poor homes. Genesis almost always runs out in the third or fourth generation. You cannot find in all history an instance where the fourth generation of extraordinary people amount to anything. Columbus from a weaver's hut, De Witt from a cutter's cellar, Lincoln and Missionary Carey from a shoemaker's bench, Arkwright from a barber's shop, and he whose

name is high over all in earth and air and sky from a manger.

Let us all be content with such things as we have. God is just as good in what he keeps away from us as in what he gives us. Even a knot may be useful if it is at the end of a thread. The spider draws poison out of a flower; the bees get honey out of a thistle, but happiness is a heavenly elixir and the contented spirit extracts it not from the rhododendron of the hills, but from the lily of the valley.

There is not a man in our city, however indifferent to the claims of Christianity, who would want to rear his family here if there were no churches or church influence, for he at once recognizes them as the guardians of the morals of the community. What would be the condition of this community at the end of the next ten years if from this time until then churches were closed? To what extent would life and property be safe? And yet, with all the organized agencies of the church, the devil too frequently holds high carnival. What might we not expect if wholly divested of these good influences?

A Regular Tom Boy.

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(The Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau.)
After reading an item in the Detroit Free Press as to the earnings of an acre of western apples, the Presque Isle County News remarks:

"When you consider that Northern Michigan raises apples far superior in color and flavor to those of the west, and when you think that we are a thousand miles nearer market than they are, it seems strange that so little attention has been devoted to fruit raising. It is true that there are a number of paying, prosperous, good sized orchards in this section, but nothing which will begin to compare with what there should be. We offer superior inducements to any place on earth. Yet the lure of the west attracts, and our section goes by unnoticed."

"But the day is at hand when the true value of Northern Michigan from a horticultural standpoint will be realized. We confidently predict within the next few years that many people will settle upon the lands now uncultivated, and that they will reap bountifully of the profits, which, careful scientific methods will produce."

"The attention of men with money to properly handle big projects is already turned this way, and several orchards, ranches and farms are now being developed which will compare favorably with those of any state."

We have no exact figures as to the value of an acre of Michigan apples, but do know that Michigan apples are unsurpassed in flavor. With this point to their advantage it is only necessary that they should be marketed properly to realize a much larger return per acre than now received. Western apples are usually, if not always, packed and sold in boxes. Our apples usually in barrels. Let the Michigan grower adopt a distinctive form of package, say a box wider and with less depth than the western box, this would display the fruit better, and then let the grower pack the best grade only in such boxes and they will be surprised at the returns. Mr. J. M. Owens, of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, states that the average value per acre of fully matured orchards is \$800.00, profit per acre \$1 per cent. As the land can be made to pay expenses from the first year, the increase in value per acre of a young orchard as it grows older means a wonderful profit on the original investment, and when the orchard comes into full bearing the returns from fruit are marvelous.

Now remember that there are thousands of acres in Northeastern Michigan unsurpassed for fruit growing, acres that can be bought at a nominal price cheaper, in fact, than anywhere else, and do not forget that Prof. Taft in his letter states that Northeastern Michigan can and does raise fruit as good as any land in the state.

Membership fees to the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau are coming in fairly well. Among the counties Bay was the first to pay in the actual cash, \$300.00, followed on January 28th by Roscommon, Montmorency and Crawford paid in March, while Isosco, sends its \$200.00 on the 20th of April, and today, the 21st, Oshtemo and Oshtemo. Most of the other counties have appropriated the money. In two counties the Boards of Supervisors voted adversely, but public-spirited men, awake to the necessity of the good work, are to send in the requisite amount.

The first commercial or rather business firm to send in a membership fee was the Sharples Separator Company, Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of cream separators. The secretary of the Bureau wrote suggesting that the Company become a member, and received a check almost by return mail.

While as yet no systematic advertising of the work of the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau has been put out, yet we are becoming known; inquiries as to land, for land, and in relation to the work keep the

secretary busy. Last week Ohio parties visited the "office" in quest of thousand-acre tracts for the purpose of settling same with farmers from Ohio. As the selection of specific parcels of land is entirely out of the province of the Bureau, the secretary could only refer the gentlemen to the members of the Bureau, giving such other information as would be of assistance. Prospective members should send in their membership fee at once. This fee being \$25.00 for business firms or individuals, or as much larger amount as they desire to send.

An Unusual Amount of Painting Done this Spring.

"Everything comes to those who hustle while they wait" seems to be the motto adopted by our energetic merchant A. Kraus, for he has certainly been hustling this spring. In backing up his excellent advertising in the columns of the CRAWFORD AVAVALANCHE his handsome window display have proved most effective. According to a conversation with one of our reporters there has been an unusual amount of painting done in Grayling, Michigan, this spring. That's a sign of prosperity we are glad to see.

This week-end paint is the leader in their window. How an old scratched floor or a marred bare floor can be given a hard serviceable, easily-kept clean surface is clearly shown by the sample they display.

Michigan State Fair September 1910.

The attention of all farmers and others interested in horticulture and agriculture in the counties composing the Northeastern Development Bureau territory to the advisability of formulating plans for making a large and comprehensive exhibit of the products of the counties at the Michigan State fair to be held in September next. The premium list committee has revised the list in such a manner that the counties in this territory shall be in a class by themselves, under the classification of "County Exhibits."

In the department of farm products and in the department of grains, vegetables and fruits. The Development Bureau has agreed to double all first premiums in this class on the single entries if won by a resident of the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau's territory providing, however, that such winner furnishes a correct statement as to the number of acres upon which said crop from which the exhibit was taken, and the yield of the same.

Arrangements will be made whereby the exhibit from the territory in the Northeastern Development Bureau shall be shown at the fair together. The advantages of this are clearly discernible. It will centralize the exhibit of a portion of the state that wishes especially to attract the attention of the public and to acquaint it with the productive capacity of the region now being exploited. As an advertising feature the value of this plan can hardly be over-estimated, and besides the display will be more attractive and more effective than would be the case were the counties to make separate exhibits.

The men of those who have undertaken this Development project is to use legitimate efforts to so advertise the region as to attract home-seekers. In utility there is strength, and these counties can, acting collectively, make an exhibit at the state fair that will inevitably attract wide attention and be productive of excellent results.

M. & N. E. TO ENTER GRAYLING.

New Railway Connection Will Enhance Long-felt Want: Opens Farming Country.

Grayling is to have a new railroad. The Manistee & Northeastern, which will run from Manistee to Traverse City and from there to Grayling, crossing the G. R. & I. at Walton Junction. The company is already grading in Crawford county and expects to reach here by June 1st. This will make Grayling one of the best railroad centers north of Bay City and will also open up a fine tract of farming country. It will fill a long felt want for passengers westward across the state, as a train will be run to connect with M. C. at Grayling, G. R. & I. at Walton Junction, and the boats at Traverse City and Manistee.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Resolutions of sympathy and respect adopted by Garfield Circle No. 16 of the Grand Army.

Whereas the angel of death has entered our circle and taken from us sister Sarah Little. Therefore be it

Resolved: That by her death our circle has lost a dear sister, and the family a devoted wife and daughter. We as sisters extend our heartfelt sympathy to the grief-stricken husband and aged mother, in their time of sorrow and our earnest prayer goes up to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well and whose guiding hand we pray will remain with them and lead them safely through the journey of life.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved husband and to the local paper for publication; also a copy be spread on our Circle



EXPRESS
PREPAID

MAIL ORDER SPECIAL

These \$1.50 Genuine Hyde-Grade Black Petticoats \$1.09

Express or Postage Paid.

The Greatest Petticoat Bargain ever offered to the Ladies of Crawford County.

In two months we have sold in Bay City alone 85 dozen of these beautiful petticoats at the regular price. This only shows what a bargain they are. We now offer to the ladies of Crawford County an exceptional opportunity to secure these, express or postage paid at only \$1.09. They are made of a genuine Hyde-grade material, noted for its wearing qualities and its lustrous black, rustling finish. Similar to a real taffeta silk. It has a deep 18 inch graduated flounce, with five rows of tailored stitching and five tailored bands. An extremely full sweep of 4 1/2 yards. All lengths, 38 to 44. Draw string band. Exactly like illustration in this ad.

YOU TAKE NO RISK.
Exactly as represented, or money refunded.

FULLY GUARANTEED
To give entire satisfaction. If you find them not as represented, return to us at our expense and your money will be promptly refunded. Send us your order today, stating length desired and this tremendous petticoat bargain will be in your hands by return mail, or express, fully paid. On sale one week only from date of this issue.

H. G. Wendland & Co.
Bay City, Mich.

records as a loving tribute to her memory.

BERTHA OAKS
MARY POND
HARRIETT WILCOX

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the village of Grayling in said county, on the second day of May A. D. 1910.

Present: Hon. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Charles E. Kellogg, deceased.

Julia A. Kellogg, widow of said deceased having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to James E. Kellogg or some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the sixth day of June A. D. 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all officers of his nearest relatives and presumptive heirs at law by a publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WELLINGTON BATTERSON,
Judge of Probate.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 2nd day of May A. D. 1910.

Present: Hon. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Fred Howell, deceased.

Hugo Schreiber, having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is ordered, That the 7th day of June, A. D. 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WELLINGTON BATTERSON,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Wellington Batterson,
may-3w Judge of Probate.

Sealed Bids.

Sealed bids will be received for the construction of Cement Sidewalks and Crossings in the Village of Grayling, at the office of the Village Clerk, until noon, May 12, 1910. Specifications can be seen at the office. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

S. S. PHELPS, Jr.,
April 21-3t Village Clerk.

For Sale.

The SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, of Sec. 3, Town 26 N. 3 W., about two miles from Grayling. For particulars call on P. Aebli, Grayling, Mich.

1878.  1910.

The Pioneer Store

With you for over a quarter of a Century.

FIRST CLASS GOODS!

RIGHT PRICES!

Always our Motto.

We are headquarters for

Groceries & Provisions

DRY GOODS, FURNISHING GOODS
SHOES, HARDWARE
FLOUR, FEED
LOGS, LUMBER, SHINGLES
BUILDING MATERIAL OF EVERY KIND

Farm Produce
BOUGHT AT HIGHEST MARKET PRICE.

Salling, Hanson Co.

If You Want to See
THE NEW THINGS YOU MUST COME WHERE THEY ARE. Our Model Shoe Department is justly well known and well liked in all the country round about. It has never been more deserving of the patronage of all people than

Right Now!
Inspection of our thoroughly complete stock of New Spring Footwear is cordially invited. We can please you in STYLE, QUALITY and PRICES.

New Spring Dress Goods.
After all has been said that can be said, there remains so much that has been left unsaid that nothing short of an inspection will convey to your understanding the real beauty and worth of these new Dress Fabrics, New Gingham in all the new Plaids and Checks. New white goods in Dimities and Flaxons. New Dress in all the leading colors. MENS' SUITS in Blue, Gray and Green in all the new stylish cuts. Call and inspect them and you will be convinced that we are the Leading Dry Goods and Clothing Store.

A. KRAUS & SON.
LEADING DRY GOODS STORE.

To Buy
The Ham what 'am
Bacon,
Your Eggs that are
Fresh,
Then your
Everyday Feast
will be complete.

To give away or to use in your own home the best silver is
1835
R. WALLACE
Silver plate that resists wear
Guaranteed absolutely.
A. PETERSON.

NOTICE.
There will be three jobs let at the Town Hall in Beaver Creek township on Wednesday, the 18th day of May, 1910. One to paint the town hall two coats. One to shingle the town hall. One to plow and harrow around the lot where the town hall stands. Specifications can be seen at the clerk's office. The job to let to the lowest bidder, giving good and sufficient security, the board to have the right to reject any or all bids. JOHN A. Love, Township Clerk of Beaver Creek, Crawford Co., Mich.
Dated this April 20th, 1910.

OUR AGENTS MAKE \$500 A WEEK
Selling new process water color portrait and gold frame. Costs 90 cents complete with glass, sells for \$1.98. Samples and instructions free. Young man in Ohio made \$22.00 in one day. We are the largest picture and frame house in the world. One general agent wanted in each county. Give us reference and we will extend you thirty days' credit with steady, honorable employment at a big income. Our business is established twenty-five years. We are not in the picture and frame trust. We want honorable, trustworthy representatives only. You need no capital to work for us. We teach you how to make a success. Address at once WILLIAMS ART COMPANY, 2515 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, Ill. In answering state "Saw advertisement in Crawford Avalanche."

Have you tried our Home-Smoked Hams?
We sell them whole or sliced.
Yours for the Asking.

Peoples Market
MILKS BRO'S Prop's.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAY 5

Local and Neighbor News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

Cramer repairs pumps.
J. A. CRAMER, plumbing and heating.

Dwelling houses and corner store building for sale.—L. Fournier, 137f

For Fine Plumbing call on F. R. Deckrow.

St. Charles coal, the best in the market, for sale by George Langevin

For pump repairing call on Oscar Deckrow.

Miss Mollie Johnston has taken a position in the Salling, Hanson Co's store.

Everybody read our "GREAT SUBSCRIPTION OFFER." This applies to all who are paid in advance.

Beech and Maple Block Wood for furnaces. Leave orders with SALLING, HANSON COMPANY.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price call at the AVALANCHE office.

FOR SALE—One Cornish organ, Two double and one single bedstead. Call on George Hartman.

Buy your coal of George Langevin. You will get the best and at the right price, delivered.

For Sale—One good new milks cow. Price reasonable. Inquire at office or address, David Kneth, Grayling.

"Mother's Day" will be observed in the Presbyterian church next Sunday with appropriate service.

Three houses and ten acres of land on south side for sale cheap for cash. L. FOURNIER.

T. W. Hanson received a fine Hip-Mobile, 20-Horse power—Tuesday for which we imagine his driving horse will be truly thankful.

For plastering and other mason work and estimates of work in my line, call or address Wm. Fairbrother, Grayling, Mich.

Owing to the absence of some of the county pastors, the County Ministerial Association was not held this week as announced.

Have you tried the salted salmon trout that Salling Hanson Company is selling for 8 cents a pound? It is delicious.

A good suite of seven rooms for rent. Electric light and water. Enquire at the restaurant.

CHARLES E. STANARD.

WANTED: Lathe, Milling Machine and Drill Press men. Assemblers, rough-stuff and varnish rubbers and painters. Good wages and steady work. Apply immediately to Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich.

FOR SALE—A combination book case and desk, 1 oak sideboard, 1 music cabinet, 1 center table, 1 heating drum, 1 wheel barrow. Inquire of L. FOURNIER.

Ether Madsen has improved his barber shop, somewhat this week by having linoleum laid on the floor, and inside treated to a coat of paint. The artist was Jas. Brooks.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Havens, will address them at 187f Warren Ave., Ind. Flat, Chicago, till they move again. It is nearly time for them to come home after trout.

Alvin Lachapelle has accepted a position in the M. C. round house nights, after having resigned his position in the M. C. freight depot where he has worked the last year. "Always Busy."

Dr. S. N. Insley was called to Canada last week by the serious illness of his father. On Thursday he was thought to be improving but the disease seemed to be aggravated before night and resulted fatally. Saturday, Mrs. Insley took the night train to be in time for the final obsequies.

The Bell coffees are always good. If you have not tried the Bell Southern coffee at 25 cents a pound, you have not tested the best coffee for the price. There is done what is possible to do to save its strength and flavor and it is packed in 1 lb. tin cans.—Salling Hanson Co.

Mrs. J. M. Little, sister of Mrs. A. McClain died April 21st at Springfield, Oregon. Mrs. Little was born in Michigan in 1858 living here all her life until two years ago when they moved to Washington in hopes to regain her health. She leaves a husband, father and mother and three sisters and three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

The Wolverine Pearl button Co. of Grand Rapids, Michigan will pay a good price per ton for clam shells taken from rivers and lakes.

Big wages are being made by those engaged in this industry, and pearls of great value are often found.

Write for particulars and learn how to make money at a most healthy and pleasant occupation.

WOLVERINE PEARL BUTTON CO. Grand Rapids, Mich.

Have Cramer do your plumbing.

The Ladies aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Leese, Friday afternoon, May 5th.

Sportsmen are arriving by every train, for the best trout fishing in the state.

The minister of the M. E. church, Rev. E. Ivey, will be home Sunday to fill his own pulpit.

For repairs on automobiles and bicycles call on Oliver Ralph at Olson's automobile barn.

Sheriff Amidon caught nearly the full quota of the "Speckled Beauties" the first day of the season.

Mrs. John Hudson, a sister of Mrs. Neils Olson, died Monday morning at her home in Denver, Col.

O. Rosier is entertaining his brother and other friends, when they are not on the river catching trout.

W. C. Johnson, of Pere Cheney was in town Tuesday on business and shaking hands with old friends.

FOR SALE—S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 9, town 25 Range 3 West for \$80. Gust Ernst, Loyell, Mich. may 5-4w

A. Taylor has removed the fences around his home and is painting the buildings, and improving the lawn.

County Treasurer Failing has been doing a land office business this week with the annual sale of tax lands. There was lively work for him on Tuesday, at the opening.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will clear the sour stomach, sweeten the breath and create a healthy appetite. They promote the flow of gastric juice, thereby inducing good digestion. Sold by all dealers.

FOR SALE—A new road cart, \$10.00; also White Leghorn and Buff eggs, \$1.00 per setting of 15. Guaranteed to hatch with right care. Leon J. Stephens, P. O. box 66, Grayling, Mich.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson was called to Chatham, Canada on Tuesday, being advised that her brother's condition was considered very critical, with little hope of his recovery. She was accompanied by Mrs. R. Hanson.

A touch of rheumatism, or a twinge of neuritis, whatever the trouble is, Chamberlain's Liniment drives away the pain at once, and cures the complaint quickly. First application gives relief. Sold by all dealers.

John H. Cook will be ready to supply everybody with cabbage and tomato plants and then some, and all kinds of garden truck for the full season. Tomatoe plants and radishes now for sale. City phone 444.

The Epworth League will hold a special business meeting next Monday evening (May 9) to elect officers. The monthly sociable will be May 17th, a pleasant time is being planned and will be announced later.

John D. Rockefeller would go broke if he should spend his entire income trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one who has used it. Sold by all dealers.

Guy D. Crandall of Lapeer is visiting his brother George. Mr. Crandall is the carpet and rug cleaning man. Having done work in a number of the prominent houses in our town with his new process called "Cleanse."

The splendid work of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets is daily coming to light. No such grand remedy for Liver and bowel troubles was ever known before. Thousands bless them for curing constipation, sick headache, biliousness, jaundice and indigestion. Sold by all dealers.

The M. P. C. G. were very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Hogger Schmidt last Tuesday evening. The prizes, recently purchased by Mrs. Schmidt in Los Angeles, were won by Mrs. S. S. Phelps and Mrs. Alfred Olson, Frank Miles and O. Rosier.

Never hesitate about giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to children. It contains no opium or other narcotics and can be given with implicit confidence. As a quick cure for coughs and colds to which children are susceptible, it is unsurpassed. Sold by all dealers.

The penalty for selling tobacco to minors under 17 years old is a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 or imprisonment for not less than 10 nor more than thirty days, or both. For selling cigarettes to any person under 21 years old, \$50 or 30 days. Any minor who smokes cigarettes in public may be fined \$10 or sent to jail for five days.

The Thousand Beauty climbing rose, being sold here by J. Tobin is described as ten times as prolific, both in bloom and beauty, and much more hardy than any of the rambler family. One bush is described as making in a single year a fan shaped growth of twenty feet in height and fifteen feet across near the top and a perfect mass of bloom. Besides this he offers a new rose, offered for the first time this season which is blue in color, and therefore desirable. We believe this is also a climber. Stop him on the street and order them, or drop him a card and he will call.

An Ideal Husband

is patient, even with a nagging wife; for he knows she needs help. She may be so nervous and run-down in health that trifles annoy her. If she is melancholy, excitable, troubled with loss of appetite, headache, sleeplessness, constipation or fainting and dizzy spells, she needs Electric Bitters, the most wonderful remedy for all these ailments. Thousands of sufferers from female troubles, nervous troubles, backache and weak kidneys have used them and become healthy again. Buy a bottle. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by A. M. Lewis & Co.

Beaver Creek Breezes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel of Beaver Creek organized Sunday School in that town last Sunday with a large attendance.

Last Thursday night the Gleaners in Beaver Creek had a good attendance, had some good reading and talked on several things but farming. Albert Moon has returned home from Flint to settle down on his little farm.

William Moon's wife and mother-in-law have gone to Hillsdale for a visit. Will is keeping house.

John Hansen came home last Thursday with a big smile and a new house-keeper.

Washington Stewart has returned home from Flint, looking good, he reports lively business there.

A sewing club with eight members of young ladies who meet every week at one o'clock in the afternoon and stay until six, have supper and all have a good time, and return home happy. The last meeting was at Stuart's. They will not be out done by the men in their "Busy Bee Business."

The Beaver Creek Busy Bees held their second meeting last Friday, at Clarence Manning's with an attendance of 48 men and women, cleared five acres and plowed and dragged about six acres. A fine dinner and supper was served by the ladies and the day was pronounced a success. Next meeting will be at Christ King.

Report of School District No. 1, Beaver Creek township, for the month commencing April 1st and ending April 30, 1910.

Number of days taught 20.

Grand total number days attendance 736.

Percentage of attendance 77.

Average daily attendance 36.8.

No. boys enrolled 29.

No. girls enrolled 18.

Total number enrolled 47.

Those not absent or tardy for the entire month are Elsie Mortenson, Lillie Mortenson, Clarence Mortenson, Johnnie Christenson, Henry Christenson, Homer Annis, Howard Annis, Ethel Mawhorter, Edna Mawhorter, Edgar Mawhorter, Anna Parker, Orval Hatfield, Mark Hanna, Donald Hanna and Flora Moon.

FRANKIE I. LOVE, Teacher.

Many of the pupils have been absent on account of illness and bad weather.

Miss Jessie Stuart is preparing for the eighth grade state examination.

Misses Matilda and Flora Moon are again attending our school.

There are nine pupils in the kindergarten this term.

We took a half holiday last Friday and celebrated Arbor day by planting trees and flowers and cleaning up the school yard.

We began our school paper, "The Beaver Creek Journal," April 22, which we have every Friday afternoon. Our first editor being Jessie Stuart, second editor Elsie Mortenson and our third will be Henry Christenson.

Sunday school was organized by Mr. and Mrs. Hazel at the Benedict school house last Sunday.

The "Busy Bees" met at Clarence Manning's last Friday and will meet with Christopher King next Friday.

The surprise on Fred Eastman last Saturday evening was well attended and everyone says Mr. and Mrs. Eastman are fine entertainers and the hour that most people reached home proves this.

Mrs. Will. Moon and mother Mrs. Lee, are visiting in Hillsdale county. Wash. Stuart returned home from Flint last week where he has been working for the past four months.

Trout season is open but some say they didn't bite very well yet.

Mr. Peter Failing is pruning George Beismore's orchard this week.

Lion Fondles a Child.

In Pittsburg a savage lion fondled the hand that a child thrust into his cage. Danger to a child is sometimes great when least regarded. Often it comes through colds, croup and whooping cough. They say thousands that Dr. King's New Discovery could have saved. A few doses cured our baby of a very bad case of croup. writes Mrs. George B. Davis of Flat Rock, N. C. "We always give it to him when he takes cold. It's a wonderful medicine for babies. Best for Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Weak Lungs. 50c. \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis & Co."

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, April 28th, 1910.

Usual prayer meeting will be held at the church Thursday evening, at 7:30 p. m.

Preaching service at 10:30 a. m.

Subject—"The Honor due to Mothers."

Sabbath School at 11:45 a. m. A. B. Failing, Supt.

C. E. at 6:00 p. m.

Topic—"The Christian Graces."

Leader—Ruth Barlow.

Preaching service at 7:00.

Topic—"Great Books as Life Teachers."

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. HUMPHREY FLEMING, Pastor.

A Man Wants to Die.

only when a lady liver and sluggish bowels cause frightful despondency. But Dr. King's New Life Pills expel poisons from the system, bring hope and courage; cure all Liver, Stomach and Kidney troubles; impart health and vigor to the weak, nervous and ailing. 25c at A. M. Lewis & Co.



No. 1 Double

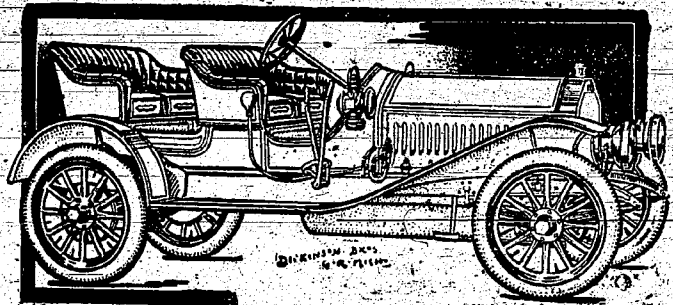
This is the Hastings Table with the Tyden Removable Top. How convenient it is to be able to take both halves of the top off, set them in a closet or out in the hall, or in the other room, push the base through any door and clean the dining room or the rug. Put the table back in two minutes.

In case of a party how greatly would the lady appreciate being able to take the table out of the dining room, set it out of the way, and just as easily and quickly put it back again.

Come in and let us show you a Hastings Table fitted with the Tyden Duo-style Lock, the Tyden Leaf Lock and the Tyden Removable Top. All of these features we furnish on Hastings tables without extra charge.

Sorenson's Furniture Store

OLSON'S Automobile Line!



MACHINES FOR SALE OR RENT.

Call at Central Drug Store or Auto Barn.



GENTLEMEN:

Come and take your choice of more than one hundred and fifty

Fine Spring Suits.

On Sale Saturday at

FIFTEEN.

Made to sell at \$20.00

and \$22.00.

THIS SALE FIFTEEN!

L. E. OPPENHEIM & CO.

BAY CITY, MICH.

Patrons Always Protected.

We protect every patron of this Store with our guarantee that the garment or article purchased here will prove satisfactory in quality and service. We insure our customers against disappointment and loss. In addition we submit a selection in Clothing, Furnishings, Footwear and Headwear that in distinctiveness of style and individuality of character and appearance is not equaled by any other showing in Grayling.

The advantages merit the consideration of every parent contemplating the purchase of a

Spring Outfit for their little one.

The clothing of boys and children is our Specialty.

The wonderful growth in this business is due to our success in fully satisfying such wants with honest materials, honest workmanship and honest values. Our lines for Spring and Summer are now complete.

Your personal inspection is solicited.

BOYS

Wash Suits, 2 to 10 years, Russian and Sailor styles, colors guaranteed.

50c. to \$3.50.

"Knocker" Suits, 6 to 18 yrs, all desirable materials, shades and mixtures.

\$4.00 to \$10.00.

Children's Hats, Felt or Straw.

25c to \$1.00.

GIRLS

Wash Dresses, 2 to 14 years, latest styles in Percales, Reps, Gingham and Galatia.

50c to \$15.00.

Junior Dresses, nicely tailored, attractive styles and colors.

\$3.75 to \$10.00.

Top Coats, 6 to 14 years, Navy, Tan, black or white checks at

\$3.00 to \$10.00.

Capes, 4 to 6 years, navy and red, satin lined hoods, at

\$5.00.

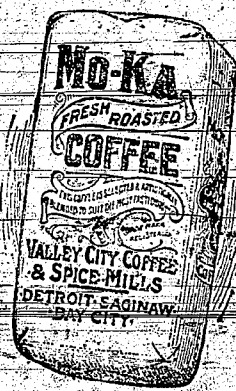
Straw Hats, all styles, newest shapes, beautifully trimmed, at

25c to \$3.50.

Infants Furnishings, Hosiery, Underwear, Dresses, long and short, 50 cents to \$2.00.

Grayling Mercantile Company

"The Peoples Store"



If you wish to feel cheerful and happy all day, Be sure to drink Coffee that's labeled "MO-KA."

Always the Same.

PURE, WHOLESOME, DELICIOUS, HIGH GRADE.

Popular Price, 20c. the Pound.

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PHLEP'S

FANCY

GROCERIES.

The banquet given by the members of the Goodfellowship Club in honor of their charter member Mrs. L. Fournier, at Danabod Hall, six o'clock Monday evening, was a pronounced success from start to finish. The beautiful hall which was so generously given by Mr. R. Hanson, to the Danish people of Grayling is a work of art in itself. The tables were formed in a circle in the dining room and were decorated with red and white Carnations. The place cards which were painted by Rev. J. H. Fleming designated the Goodfellowship hand shake of welcome to the visiting guests which consisted of the husbands of the members of the G. F. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hanson, Mrs. C. C. Westcott, and Miss Margarette Hanson. The club presented Mrs. Fournier

with a beautiful cut glass vase, for which she responded with a befitting speech. After the banquet we were furnished with a very unique entertainment conducted and originated by Mrs. O. Michelson. The pretty little stage of the hall was made to represent a home of one of the members of the G. F. C. and nine of the leading young ladies of our city gave a character sketch of a G. F. C. meeting. The young ladies did full justice to their parts and furnished us with a half hour of pleasant amusement. The entire club wished to give a vote of thanks to the committee which consisted of Mrs. H. A. Bauman, Mrs. J. H. Fleming and Mrs. O. Michelson.

Miss Vera Crandall entertained her Sunday school class, The Willing Workers, Monday evening to raise funds for papering the M. E. church.

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SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS.

Sunday.

Flight-handlers rejected railroad offer for a wage increase of a cent an hour.

John Quincy Adams Ward, one of America's most famous sculptors, died in New York.

Archbishop O'Connell, of Boston, denounced Roosevelt's treatment of the Pope as "insulting."

Twelve prominent Nebraskans were accused of a plot against a murdered land fraud villain.

Monday.

Vice President Sherman, in a St. Louis address, defended the Payne tariff law as a prosperity act.

The grand jury began an investigation of alleged fraud in coal purchases for the Chicago fire department.

Senator Dilliver, assailing the railroad bill in the Senate, said the measure in effect renews pooling systems.

A druggist, testifying at the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde in Kansas City, said the strychnine tonic taken by Colonel Swope was bought by J. Moss Hutton.

Tuesday.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, famous Norwegian writer, died in Paris.

The dark, damp weather drew the frost out of the plants without killing them.

A prince of China was entertained in Chicago on his trip around the world.

Former President Roosevelt inspected flying machines at Paris and marveled at the progress of invention.

Twenty-one American republics joined in the dedication of the new Washington home of the bureau of American republics.

W. S. Fielding, Canada's minister of finance, was given a fund of \$100,000 in recognition of his services for the last thirteen years.

Senator Clapp in a speech in the Senate replied to Wickersham's Chicago address and defied the administration to read any set of men out of the party.

Wednesday.

Paulhan won a \$50,000 prize for an aerial flight from London to Manchester.

Senator Dilliver said he will fight for reform from inside the Republican party, not as ally of Democrats, as both parties are ruled by interests.

Oscar Hammerstein quitted the field of grand opera owing to the exactions of songbirds.

The trial judge in Kansas City revoked the \$100,000 bond of Dr. Hyde, and ordered the alleged murderer removed to jail as evidence appeared to turn against him.

Thursday.

J. W. Kern was nominated for United States Senator by the Indiana Democrats in State convention.

Scientists were called enemies of religion in an address before the alumni of St. Ignace's College in Chicago.

The Belgian king and Roosevelt dined together; a warm welcome was extended to the ex-President.

Insurgents in the Senate and House attacked administration's tariff bill, evidencing resentment at Wickersham.

Contesting the \$325,000 Western Indiana Railroad award, John C. Peltzer threatened exposures in connection with "house bill 7777."

W. E. D. Stokes, Jr., a boy in short trousers, appeared before the Senate committee and denounced the Dewey wireless bill as a "stock jobbing scheme."

Friday.

Holland welcomed Theodore Roosevelt to the home of his ancestors and made him feel like one of the family.

Two thousand five hundred Jewish families were brutally expelled from Kiel, Russia, despite Stolypin's promises.

Insurgents in the Senate were defeated when the Cummins substitute in relation to part of the administration rail bill was lost, 35 to 23.

A schedule showing higher freight rates from the western territory to the Atlantic to take effect June 1 will be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The district attorney bought four girls as white slaves in the open market in New York as the result of months of investigation in which two college women assisted.

Saturday.

The Hague took a holiday and welcomed Theodore Roosevelt.

James A. Patton and his associates were credited with \$320,000 profits through sales of May cotton.

May 26 will mark the resumption of the attack on the House of Lords and a general election is predicted.

Premier Briand's arm stand halted May 26 riots in Paris. Anarchists and police clashed in Berne, Switzerland.

Miss Ethel J. Croker, youngest child of Richard Croker, was impersonated by another woman in a mysterious Hoboken marriage.

Western railroads filed tariffs with the Interstate Commerce Commission showing the rise in freight rates of from 16 to 23 per cent, effective on June 1.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

The manufacturers of Gary announce they will go before Governor Marshall of Indiana and counteract the charges of peonage made against the United States Steel Corporation by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The Great Northern Railway Company recently paid into the State treasury of Minnesota \$147,699, being the back taxes penalty and interest due the State under the decision of the United States Supreme Court. This covers the amount due on the gross earnings for 1907.

PEACE TEMPLE DEDICATED.

President Taft and Cabinet Attend Ceremonies in Washington.

The beautiful new home of the International Bureau of the American Republics in Washington, called by Mr. Carnegie a temple of peace, was the other day formally dedicated in the presence of a distinguished company. The international character of the dedication was proved by the presence of President Taft, the Secretary of State, the Mexican Ambassador, Cardinal Gibbons, Senator Elihu Root, Andrew Carnegie, Bishop Harding, Director John Barrett of the bureau of American republics, members of the diplomatic corps, of the Supreme Court and the cabinet, as well as Senators and Representatives and high army and naval officers.

The ceremonies were initiated by an invocation by Cardinal Gibbons, who was followed by Secretary Knox, who delivered the formal opening address. Senator Root delivered an address, which was responded to by Senor Don Francisco Leon de la Barra, the Mexican ambassador. Mr. Carnegie delivered a characteristic address. There were readings of cable messages from the presidents of the Latin American republics, congratulating Mr. Carnegie and the bureau of American republics upon the completion of the great work and then President Taft spoke at length.

Just preceding the benediction by Bishop Harding, which concluded the afternoon exercises, occurred a unique feature of the program when President Taft and Mr. Carnegie jointly planted a "peace tree" in the patio, or courtyard. The new home of the bureau cost \$1,000,000, of which Mr. Carnegie contributed \$750,000 and the twenty-one American republics the remainder.

BJORNSTJERNE IS DEAD.

Famous Novelist Dies in Paris from Fatal Stroke.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the famous Norwegian novelist, playwright, poet and publicist, died at the Hotel Wagram in Paris in the other night in the 75th year of his age. His wife, whom he married fifty-two years ago, was with him at the end. Bjornson suffered a stroke of paralysis last June, and was brought to Paris in November for electro-therapeutic treatment. It was reported lately that he was growing better. The change came unexpectedly.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson was born near the town of Molde, Norway, December 8, 1832. Poet, novelist, dramatist, reformer and apostle of peace, two hereditary traits dominated in his character—the placid nature, which he drew from his father, a country parson, and the fighting spirit, which came to him from his more remote ancestors, the old Norse sea-rovers. He was known as the Prophet-Poet of Norway. Toward him the people looked for guidance, and with his eagles he fought in the cause of truth and justice.

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PICK KERN FOR SENATE.

Indiana Democrats Choose Bryan's Running Mate in 1908 Campaign.

Opening in riotous discord and closing in enthusiastic harmony, the Indiana Democratic convention in Indianapolis adopted Gov. Marshall's proposition that it should endorse next year's Legislature a candidate for the United States Senate, and named John W. Kern, who was the party's candidate for Vice President in 1908.

The opposition made a grim fight, under the leadership of Thomas Taggart, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and himself a candidate for the nomination for Senator, but in defeat it joined heartily with the element headed by Gov. Marshall and John B. Lamb of Terre Haute, vice chairman of the National Committee, and another aspirant for the senatorship, in a shouted acclamation of Kern as the party's candidate.

2,000 HOMELESS IN FIRE.

Blaze Sweeps Over More than 20 Blocks in Lake Charles, La.

Fanned by a high wind, a fire in Lake Charles swept over more than twenty blocks of the city, destroying several hundred buildings and resulting in a property loss estimated at more than \$1,000,000. More than 2,000 persons were made homeless. The mayor called out the local militia companies to preserve order. Many others of financial aid have been received. Within a short time the wind had driven the fire over a space two miles in length, leaving a mass of ruins in its wake. While many of the buildings destroyed were merely frame cottages, scores of handsome structures also fell prey to the flames. The city hall, the handsome Calcasieu parish courthouse, the Clair hotel, churches, stores, and warehouses were reduced to bare black walls and heaps of ashes within two hours after the fire started. The Catholic convent was destroyed. All the sisters fled.

BOY SPECULATOR ENDS LIFE.

George Dabo, Wall Street Plunger, Feared Insanity, Shoots Self.

George Dabo, 17 years old, shot himself in the head at his home at Hoboken, N. Y., and died a few hours later. Though only 17 when he gave his first order, the boy had been unusually successful in Wall street speculation, it is said. Restraint imposed upon him recently by physicians when he broke down nervously from excitement is said to have caused him to fear he would lose his mind.

STILL INVISIBLE!



HUGHES TO SUPREME COURT.

New York Governor Notifies Taft of Acceptance of Position.

Governor Charles Evans Hughes of New York put aside his opportunities for making from \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year in the private practice of his profession as a lawyer and deliberately abandoned his political career, which it was believed by his friends, was leading directly to the presidency by accepting for life the post of associate justice of the United States Supreme Court at an annual salary of \$12,000.

Governor Hughes virtually will serve out his term in the office to which he was elected by the people of New York. At his special request President Taft has arranged that the Governor will not succeed to the place made vacant by the recent death of Justice Brewer until the beginning of the October term of court. Mr. Hughes' term of office as Governor expires with the dawn of 1911. The arrangement agreed upon will enable him to clean up his affairs thoroughly before he is called upon to assume his duties.

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MOUNTED MEN ROB STORES.

Robbers Raid Three Places in Sparta, Wis., and Get Much Booty.

Mounted bandits raided Sparta, Wis., early the other day, blew open two safes and robbed a third store. They escaped with a large amount of booty before the townsmen could organize for an attack. A heavily armed posse was soon formed, however, and started in pursuit. Hooded prints show that there were three riders in the raid. They tied their horses in the rear of one of the stores they looted.

The victims: J. D. Lumber Company, safe blown and money and papers taken; Davis Bros. grocery store, safe blown; small amount of money and groceries taken. Morse & Danman hardware store attempt to blow safe with nitroglycerin failed.

From the methods used by the men it is believed the robbers were committed by the same bandits who robbed the Brittingham & Hinson Lumber Company's safe a week before.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Progress of the Pennant Race in Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. W. L.

Pittsburgh . . . 6 2 Cincinnati . . . 3 5
New York . . . 8 3 Boston . . . 4 7
Philadelphia . . . 3 4 St. Louis . . . 3 8
Chicago . . . 6 3 Brooklyn . . . 4 9

AMERICAN LEAGUE. W. L.

Detroit . . . 5 2 Cleveland . . . 6 6
New York . . . 5 3 Washington . . . 5 8
Philadelphia . . . 3 4 Chicago . . . 3 5
Boston . . . 6 6 St. Louis . . . 3 5

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. W. L.

St. Paul . . . 10 3 Louisville . . . 7 7
Minneapolis . . . 7 6 Toledo . . . 6 7
Columbus . . . 7 6 Kansas City . . . 5 7
Indianapolis . . . 7 7 Milwaukee . . . 2 8

WESTERN LEAGUE. W. L.

Denver . . . 6 2 Topeka . . . 4 4
St. Joseph . . . 5 2 Lincoln . . . 3 6
Wichita . . . 5 3 Omaha . . . 2 6
Sioux City . . . 4 3 Des Moines . . . 2 7

\$12,500 FOR EYESIGHT.

Joseph Frank Loses Sight of Both Eyes in Brewery.

Joseph Frank, a former employee of the Heranport Brewing Company, got a judgment from the Supreme Court in Columbus, Ohio, for \$12,500 for the loss of both eyes. Frank claimed that the shellac with which he painted the interior of the company's vats contained wood alcohol, which produced blindness.

Stallo Girls Get \$20,000,000.

Search since the death of Alexander MacDonald, former oil magnate, at Long Beach, Cal., on March 18, having failed to reveal a will, Edmund K. Stallo of New York has been appointed administrator of the \$20,000,000 estate. Mr. Stallo's two daughters, Helen, aged 20, and Laura, 18 years old, will inherit the estate as granddaughters of the deceased.

Fire Sweeps Nebraska Town.

Fire in Salem, Neb., practically wiped out the business portion of the town, a place of about 700 people. A forty-mile wind was blowing at the time and with no water works or adequate fire fighting apparatus the flames had full sway. Twenty-two business houses and twelve dwellings burned.

Fire in Big Brewery.

Fire of unknown origin caused a loss estimated at \$500,000 in the plant of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association in St. Louis, and for a time threatened the entire establishment with destruction. Five hundred thousand bottles of beer were destroyed.

Ruth Bryan to Wed Again.

The betrothal is announced of Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William W. Bryan, and Lieut. Reginald Altham Owen of the Royal Engineers, who is now stationed in Jamaica.

BOY FIGHTS OFF POSSE.

Youth Who Tried to Slay Girl Gives Up When Soldiers Fire Volley.

Clarence Woods, a 19-year-old clerk employed by the Title Guaranty and Trust Company of Manhattan, killed himself in a boathouse on the Hackensack River, near Rutherford, N. J., after the State militia had been called out to take him dead or alive and with a posse of armed citizens waiting for the first chance to shoot him down. Woods had barricaded himself in the boathouse after attacking a 17-year-old Anna Kip with a club because of her refusal to marry him. Believing her dead, he took refuge in the boathouse. Armed with a rifle and two revolvers he shot and seriously wounded Deputy Sheriff Smith of Rutherford and repeatedly fought off all attempts by seventy armed officers and citizens to rush the boathouse. Woods apparently lost his nerve when Company M of the Third Regiment of Hackensack was rushed to the scene and fired a volley into the boathouse and killed himself rather than surrender.

GIRL IS A FIREBUG.

Anna Foy Says She is Seized with Desire to Burn Something.

An abnormal twist in the psychological processes of Anna Foy, a pretty seventeen-year-old girl, is indicated by a confession to the police in Newport, R. I., that she is a fire bug. The girl, who was employed as a maid in the home of George W. Ritchie, told the police she was subject to violent nervous attacks, during which she felt she must set something afire, so she set fire to the Ritchie house. In each case she applied the match in broad daylight and helped to fight the blaze after an alarm had been given.

FOREIGN.

Tom L. Johnson, former mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, is now in London. He is visiting Europe with the hope of improving his health, which has recently been poor.

The Kaiser's cousin, Prince Friedrich Heinrich of Prussia, has embraced Roman Catholicism, has ceased his entire fortune to the Roman Catholic church, and has entered a monastery as a monk.

The Argentine consul, A. Geiger, was killed in Munich in an automobile accident. His wife who accompanied him, and also the Paraguayan consul, W. Korte, and the driver were severely injured. The automobile dashed into a tree at full speed.

King Albert has decided to give \$200,000 for a campaign against sleeping sickness, \$100,000 to build hospitals in the Belgian Congo, \$100,000 for a pension fund for Congo civil servants and \$100,000 for a fund for the assistance of their families.

Michigan State News

HEIR IS FATALLY BURNED

Aged Woman Near Tekonsha Rashes

Neighbors were horrified the other morning to see Mrs. John Snow, a widow, aged 70, rush out of the home of her son, a farmer, two miles north and three miles west of Tekonsha, with her clothes ablaze, the son at the time being at work in the fields. They rushed to the aged woman's assistance, but before they could reach her her clothes were burned almost entirely from her body. At last accounts she was still alive, but with no hope of recovery. There was no one else in the house and it is not known just how Mrs. Snow caught fire, but the finding of a burned match and the fact that her dress was saturated with gasoline gave color to the suicidal theory, although no reason could be given for Mrs. Snow taking her own life. She recently fell heir to an estate in California valued at \$20,000 through the death of a relative.

FRUIT BELT HIT BY FROST

Damage in Berrien County Is Estimated at \$2,000,000.

Reports from nearly every quarter of the southwestern Michigan fruit belt indicate that whatever portion of the fruit crop was spared in the recent freeze has been ruined by the continued freezing temperature of the following day and night. A drizzling rain fell over that section, giving some hope to the growers that a small percentage of the fruit buds may yet recover from the frost damage. Conservatively estimated, the damage in Berrien county will reach \$2,000,000, with an added loss of over \$1,000,000 to the grape crop of Van Buren county. Reports from all sections of the state are to the effect that a killing frost has caused a loss beyond calculation.

FEWER BOATS WILL RUN

Chicago-South Haven Route Opens April 30.

Navigation between South Haven and Chicago will open April 30. The Chicago-South Haven Steamship Company having decided to place in service at that time the City of Kalamazoo. For the first few weeks the boat will make only four trips across the lake each week. The first trip will be made Saturday morning, April 30. Present plans of the company are to run fewer boats across the lake this year than last. The steamer Petoskey has been loaned for service out of Milwaukee. The Petoskey last summer ran with the City of Kalamazoo and the South Haven in the Chicago-South Haven service.

THREE VICTIMS OF GAS

Man Succumbs in Pit and Two Others Are Overcome.

While working in a gas pit in which a gas service was being installed, Barney Coates, 28 years old, was overcome and dropped unconscious. It is doubtful if he will recover. His brother Carl went to his rescue and he, too, fell a victim to the fumes. Another workman, whose name was not learned, endeavored to bring the two men from their perilous position, but he succumbed to the effects of the deadly gas and it was with great difficulty that he was revived. The accident occurred at the rear of one of the Buick factories in Flint.

FALLS BUT ESCAPES DEATH

Tolson Elevator Foreman Drops Down Shaft at Lansing.

While installing an elevator in a new six-story business block which is being erected in Lansing, William Morris, 47 years old and foreman for the Houghton Elevator Company of Toledo, missed his footing and fell from the top of the elevator shaft to the bit below. His fall was from a height of about 40 feet. He landed on a piece of plank across the shaft at the first floor, arrested his fall. The two-inch board was broken. Morris suffered a fractured collar-bone and several broken ribs, but it is expected that he will recover.

TO HAVE \$100,000 TEMPLE

Kalamazoo Masons, Willing Site, Are Raising Public Fund.

If \$100,000 can be raised by a committee that is at present soliciting the city, Kalamazoo will within another year have one of the largest Masonic lodge buildings in the state. Recently a site valued at \$60,000 was given to the lodge by the George Clarke estate. Mr. Clarke requested in his will that the Masons be given this down-town lot. Up to the present time the committee has met with excellent success and it is believed that the full amount will be raised.

ROBBERS AT FLAT ROCK

Crack Safe in Postoffice, but Get Safe-crackers Robbed the Postoffice

Safe-crackers robbed the postoffice at Flat Rock, Mich., last night for their trouble was disappointment. The postmaster had taken the stamps and cash of the office home with him the other night. The robbers broke into Burden's blacksmith shop and secured the tools with which they made an entrance to the postoffice.

FIGHT FOR COUNTY SEAT

Newaygo Business Men Claim Election Illegal—Seek to Stop Move.

Judge Palmer has granted a writ of certiorari in the county seat removal contest proceedings on the part of certain business men of Newaygo. Their petition alleged that the recent election was illegal, and gave various grounds. Meanwhile, the county offices are en route to White Cloud under previous rush orders from the board of supervisors.

THOUGH ACCUSED BY FAL

Kid Carter Is Acquitted of Murder in Benton Harbor.

Benjamin Sullivan, alias Kid Carter, a local prize fighter, was acquitted in the Circuit Court in Benton Harbor of murdering John Ryan in that city Jan. 4 last. The verdict was rendered after the jury had been out more than three hours and after a trial lasting a week. Six weeks ago Carter's partner, Bert Smith, was convicted of murder in the second degree as one of the defendants to the same offense. Carter and Smith, the latter a negro, conducted a restaurant in Benton Harbor, and Ryan met his death in their place. The two were arrested charged with killing Ryan. Smith was tried first, and in an attempt to save himself turned State's evidence and declared that Carter gave Ryan intoxicants and that he (Smith) saw Carter hitting Ryan. The jury took Smith's story as a confession that he was implicated in the crime and convicted him of murder in the second degree. At Carter's trial Smith again took the stand, Carter stating out: Carter attributes his acquittal to Smith's story.

OLD MAN ACCUSED OF ARSON

Charged by Neighbor with Setting Fire to Log House.

Clark Wilbur, 77 years old, a resident of Assyria, has been arrested on complaint of Alfred Davis, a neighbor, who accuses Wilbur of setting fire to a log house in which a number of farm tools were stored. Davis discovered Wilbur's residence with the burned building. It is alleged that he had some difficulty with Davis' son. The tools were valued at several hundreds of dollars. Wilbur was arrested on a charge of arson. He gave bonds of \$500 to appear for examination before Justice Smith. Wilbur is a widower who resides alone. He denies firing the building.

FOUR MEN NEAR DEATH

Escape from Building Just in Time When Walls Collapse.

Four workmen narrowly escaped serious injury or death in Mr. Clemens, when the wall of a building, on which they were at work, collapsed. The men were working in the cellar of a brick one-story building. The entire wall fell in, crushing through the floor and carrying the whole structure down to the cellar. The men were warned in time to make a rush for an opening at the rear. The building is a wreck and will have to be completely rebuilt.

WHISKY STILL IN HIS HOME

Neenawa County Farmer Accused by Revenue Officer.

A. H. Chilver, United States revenue officer, alleges that after several days' secret investigation he found Amos Long, a prosperous Grant Township farmer making whisky from alcohol, fatwater and sugar and selling it in the dry counties of Newaygo and Oshtemo. Long owns a valuable goat farm and it is alleged has been doing a flourishing business in his home-made whisky. Long was arrested.

LOCKJAW FOLLOWS INJURY

Singh's War Veteran of Kalamazoo Likely to Die.

Joseph Jeffries, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, who served in Cuba and the Philippines and who was in more than a dozen engagements, is believed to be fatally injured in Kalamazoo. He is suffering from lockjaw. More than a week ago Jeffries fell from a load of hay and struck his head on a stone. Twenty-two stitches were taken in the wound.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Adolph Dubey, 67 years old, well known blacksmith of Monroe is dead. He leaves a widow and three children. Alfred Keyser, a resident of Kalamazoo for more than fifty years, is dead from old age. Mr. Keyser was 85 years old.

The Citizens' Telephone Co. of Grand Rapids has increased its capital stock from \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000 under authority granted by the State railroad commission.

Frost did very little damage to cherries which are well advanced in Benzle County and promise to be the largest crop ever grown; also of apples, peaches and other fruits.

G. A. Cavanaugh, a Kalamazoo milk dealer, while on his morning run was struck by a Michigan Central train and is believed to be fatally injured. His right arm and right leg were severed.

Charles H. McBride, one of Holland's leading attorneys, is the first to announce his candidacy for the seat in the State Legislature made vacant through the death of D. B. K. Van Rleet.

Mrs. John H. Snow, aged 70, of Tekonsha Township, who set fire to herself, is dead. She had just purchased a new home in Union City. It is thought that the contemplation of leaving the old farm unbalanced her mind.

While attempting to board a fast southbound freight in Holland, James Welch, of Detroitville, a 12-year-old lad, missed his footing as he tried to grab a hand rail and was thrown violently to the ground. With Archie Hildebrandt of McGregor, a youth slightly older, he was beating his way westward to secure employment. Welch was rushed to the hospital, having sustained a crushed hip and serious bruises, but is thought to have a fair chance for recovery.

F. B. Henry, well known Quincy citizen, a veteran of the Civil War, is dead at his home after a short illness with heart trouble.

Lea L. Congdon, a Pentwater druggist, has purchased the business of late L. O. Loveland, the oldest established drug store in Muskegon.

Realizing the importance of the resort business, the Northern Michigan Transportation Company has made a special ten-family commutation rate of \$30 from Chicago to Frankfort and return the coming season and will also have five boats a week on the service.



CERTAINTIES IN RELIGION

By Henry F. Cope.
"If any man will do his will he shall know the doctrine."—John viii, 17.

Are there any certainties in religion? Is it not all either mere speculation or a matter of feeling? Is any religion susceptible of absolute proof? Some answer that the religious life does not need to concern itself with certainties in anything like the scientific sense, while others say that any kind of certainty is impossible in that which has to do with things so intangible as the life of faith.

Yet neither scientism on one side nor blind indifference to facts on the other will keep man from keenly desiring to be sure of the things which seem to him to constitute his religious life. Who can blame the passion found in all for some glimpse of the facts of life beyond, and what more natural than that we should want to know whether all the time and thought invested in religion are wasted, spent on a delusion or not?

Then come the real questions of life: What makes right? What determines ultimately the higher values in existence? What solution is there to this mystery of existence, to the problem of pain, to the shadow of death? Why does iniquity seem to prosper? What becomes of eternal justice under our modern conditions of living?

To many it seems as if there is no longer anything clearly, definitely settled. Once we were quite sure of the statements of the creeds and the church spoke with a voice of authority. Now the plain fact is that for many the old compulsions and the old imperatives have lost their authority. What is there to take their place?

The fear of hell persuades few, if any, today; the hope of heaven seems too indefinite, too uncertain to act as a motive, even if the securing of goodness by the promise of a reward could be counted a commendable moral process. Now when a man holds in the balance questions of conduct, motives of fear and reward being absent what is there to govern his decision?

It is not necessary to deny the validity of old beliefs in order to assert the imperativeness of newer conceptions. Many things we doubt may be just as true as those of which we are most certain. The difficulty is we are not convinced of them and we dare not profess to believe where we remain unconvinced.

Nevertheless certainties are ours; they have an authority far greater than those of past days; they speak not from without, but from within. Childhood listens for the word from the skies or the message graven on stone, the man hears the voice within and obeys the inner witness. All the external phenomena of religion might be discarded, but the fact of religion in the heart of man would remain.

We are sure of ourselves as moral beings, as those who are capable of self-examination, of choice between acts, of determination and responsibility. More, we know ourselves as born for higher things. The great prophets of the race speak first in our own breasts. Our aspirations are due not so much to invitations from above as to propulsions from within. The evidence of any revelation is that our hearts answer to it.

Even though all scriptures and records should be blotted out, all external authority vanish, all the history of religion be lost to us, yet there would remain the external trend of our lives, the longing for fuller, better life, and the passion for perfection; there would remain the sense of harmony with good and the doubts as to evil, while the record of what we are reveals the power that has brought us from what we were.

The essential things are written where they cannot be erased save by our neglect or denial of them, that it is better being good than bad, that we know the good from the evil, that life was made to climb from level to level, that love is fairer than hate, that self-seeking is the denial of the best we know.

The uncertainties are in the past, matters of yesterday's records; the certainties are for the life of today. Let a man answer the best in himself, with affirmative action, let him give freedom to his own soul and he shall know of the truth. Do the right and the right will be increasing clear. Look within for your certainties. Debate not with the voice that bids you rise.

LIFE OF POWER

By Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D.

There is something morally sublime about a heroic decision, born of obedience to the will of God and sacrifice of self as well. Perhaps the noblest thing any man ever does is to see the plan of God in his life and for his life, and then patiently and persistently do it; as Constantine said when he marked out the limits of the Eastern empire, "I am following One who is leading me." Such a man alone can like Reobling when he looked on the finished East River Bridge, say, "It's like the plan." The end of life is not gratification, even of the highest sort, not even salvation, not yet sanctification, but service. That is a shallow notion that makes our three-score years and ten a mere probation of grace, and leaving our own souls its supreme issue and end. A true man wants to move the world if he can. He is not satisfied with taking a stone out of the way if he can lift the earth itself to a loftier level. Ambition becomes aspiration and inspiration when it is attuned to a heavenly key. The only adequate purpose is an eternal one. Nothing temporal is big enough. The mist may invest the mountain with a robe of beauty, but it is evanescent; and the petrified shaft of eternity will continue to kiss the azure firmament when centuries of cloud and mist have

come and gone. He is utterly unwise who makes time the measure of eternity; the wise man makes eternity the measure and mold of time. The man who is to move the world must have his standing place in the invisible. He can only lift it as he can rest his lever on a fulcrum, without it; and that fulcrum is faith in the unseen God, and that lever is prayer which links man with God.

The one grand secret therefore is to be in the will of God. That is the secret place of the Most High, where one dwells under the shadow of the Almighty, not only security but success assured. From that hiding place he cannot only escape the snares of the fowler and the arrows of the pestilence, but tread upon the lion and adder and trample under foot the young lion and the dragon. Thus Christ Himself turned the culprit's cross into the conqueror's crown. Here is the secret of service to men. The man who has clear celestial visions is the man to bless humanity on the terrestrial plane.

Physical laws are inexorable and forgive no transgressors. As Tennyson said: "They who will not be ruled by the rudder, will, in the end, be ruled by the rock." And not by quantity but by quality all work is to be judged. Benjamin West said to Morse, "Finish one picture and you are a painter." As to the other temptation, compromise, never has there been more danger of it than now.

There is a spirit of union and federation abroad in Church as well as State, and the risk is of sweeping away landmarks of doctrine and practice in the passion for organic and superficial unity. Charly is an angel while she the handmaid of truth, but when she gives countenance to error becomes a demon. Even amiability loses its virtue when it loses its grit and grip, and ceases to have power of protest and resistance.

IN CHRIST

By Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

This is a remarkable expression, and the most remarkable Christian that ever lived was very fond of using it. Let us see what rich blessings will come to any one of us if we are actually "in Christ."

The first one is that we are delivered from a curse which is perpetual. There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus. Don't let us imagine that a follower of Christ never does anything which ought to be condemned either by himself or by his neighbors. Paul meant that the sentence of spiritual and endless death is removed from every one who accepts Jesus as an atoning Saviour, and his commandments as the rule of life. He is no longer under the law to be punished, but is a forgiven man. "All bridges break down," said Bunson, "but this one," and this carries us over from where the lightning strikes to where the sunshine sweetly falls.

As long as we were but of Christ we were dead, but the great apostle addressed his brethren at Rome as "alive unto God in Christ Jesus." Not that we live of ourselves, but "Christ liveth in us." If the owner of an orchard inserts the graft of a Spitzenberg into an apple tree, that graft might say, "the whole tree liveth in me, because the trunk itself and the roots furnish me the sustaining sap. The reason why so many church members are such poor, stunted, barren creatures is that they are out of vital connection with Christ. To be tied onto the church is one thing; it is quite another thing to be grafted into Jesus; and to draw His divine force into the soul. "If a man abide not in Me, he shall forth as a branch, and be withered."

This life thus imparted is a new creation. The dwelling in which we reside was built out of materials at the architect's hands; but the Almighty makes materials out of nothing. "If a man be in Christ, he is a new creature." The Divine Spirit has made him over again, so that the old things have passed away, and all things have become new. This word "new" signifies what is fresh and unworldly, like a bright garment from its maker's hands. How important to keep the new garment clean and unspotted by the world! A Christian is "created to good works," and that religion is a solemn sham which does not sweeten the homelife, speak the truth, lend a hand to the overburdened, and deal justly with a fellow man.

HYMNS AND THEIR AUTHORS

THE BETTER LIFE.

By William Augustus Muhlenberg.

(The Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg (Philadelphia, Sept. 16, 1796—New York, April 18, 1878) was a distinguished minister, especially distinguished for his work in founding St. Luke's hospital in New York, the author of several hymns. This hymn, usually classified as suitable for occasions of mourning, is shown to be the author of several hymns of a more cheerful nature. It was not found in any hymnal, but it now is coming into common use.)

I would not live away; I ask not to be taken from this life; I am content here to abide; I am content here to abide.

Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the way; The few twilight mornings that dawn on us here Are enough for life's woes; full enough for its cheer.

I would not live away; no, welcome the tomb! Since Jesus hath lain there I dread not its gloom; I would not live away; I ask not to be taken from this life; I am content here to abide.

Who, who would live away, away from his God? Away from you heaven, that blissful abode, Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains.

And the noontide of glory eternally reigns; Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet; Their Saviors and brethren transported to greet.

While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll, And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

DON'TS FOR CHURCHMEN

Don't forget that long prayers often hide wrong practices.

Don't fail to learn that malice always misconstrues.

Political Comment

As to Benevolent Despotism

Is it true, as Henry Waterson says, that "history has agreed that the best of all governments is a wise and benevolent despotism?"

The Dictator has his place in history, no small place at that. The men on horseback—the Caesars, the Cromwells, the Napoleons—have had work to perform, as have the great despotic ministers, the Richelieus and the Bismarcks. But superior as were the governments afforded by Cromwell and Bismarck, let it be noted that they were the exceptional despots, the two out of a hundred. They shine because they are exceptions. For one Bismarck, Germany has had tensore of tyrants, little and big. For one Cromwell, Europe and the world has had a thousand wreckers, despoilers, ravishers, murderers, ranging all the way from such gigantic monsters as Attila, Tamerlane, and Genghis Khan to such pestiferous vermin as Castro of Venezuela and Zelaya of Nicaragua.

Charlemagne is often cited as an example of the perfect despot. For his time, and place he was as a light in a dark room. Measured by what is called the standard of an enlightened free society, his was not a government such as we could endure.

The absolutism which Bismarck in the name of his master exercised in Germany for twenty years, is perhaps the most efficient government in the annals of mankind. But Bismarck himself was as exceptional a man as was his rule, such a genius as comes only once in a thousand years of civilization. Moreover, the indirect cost of his rule to his country was immense—militarism, taxes, lack of personal liberty and many acts of individual injustice.

The good despotism for which Mr. Waterson sighs is the government of a great man. But great men are not to be had until after many experiments with men who are not great. Besides, the rule of great men, efficient as their administration may be, usually is immensely defective on some sides, like Frederick's, which was a nagging interference with individuals; like Napoleon's, which sacrificed the youth of France on battlefields.

A great despot or genius is, after all, a poor substitute for a great people. The Romans had no such leaders as Hannibal and Hannibal, but being a great people, they beat Carthage. The English had no such stupendous intellect as Napoleon; but, being a great people, they beat the Dictator.

Despair of our government is silly, the Minneapolis Journal concludes. We had our troubles and have had our vicissitudes; but the hundred and thirty-six years of our independence have been successful, and against those years of success no country of Europe can place any equal success. Benevolent despotism is a superstition that dies hard. What Waterson utters is pure cant.

Let's Have Publicity

A sweeping bill for the publicity of all campaign contributions in national elections, and of all disbursements from campaign funds, has passed the House of Representatives with but one opposing vote. The same bill seems likely to go through the Senate with a little opposition. We are told that the party leaders are looking at this measure with depression and even sorrow. They are even hinting that it might be well to consider whether we really want this bill. How can such a question be raised in the light of the record?

In the last national campaign Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan vied one with the other in promising and demanding publicity of party finances. Every accredited leader of every party, to the best of our recollection, made similar promises, and demands. Statesmen of all opinions and assorted sizes called high heaven to witness that they never could be happy again without this publicity. Then why these apprehensions now that we are about to have the publicity? We do not understand.

The political leaders have cried for this publicity and they are going to get it. The people will not object. Therefore let us all be content. In fact, the situation should be even better. We should be not only content, but also joyful. By all means let us have the pending publicity law. Even though it have some disadvantages, let us get it and let the disadvantages go hang!—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Each Should Have Proper Credit

President Roosevelt left his impression upon the country more by his personality and his public utterances than by any revolution in laws. He secured the adoption of the railroad rate bill and the employers' liability act beyond these two measures it is difficult to recall other legislation. He will rest upon the enforcement of laws already in existence when he became President. His public addresses crystallized public sentiment and accomplished great good in directing public thought. His entire administration was inspiring, but inspiring in speech and leadership. The Taft administration is following in the same lines, but with less inspirational effect. President Taft is doing honest, brave and patriotic things every day, but being different in his personality, he seemingly receives no credit. President Taft is working out in detail many reforms suggested by Roosevelt and he is reducing expenses. During the Roosevelt administration expenses were enormously increased, necessarily so. President Taft and his advisers are profiting by the Roosevelt example in doing things, but coming in at a later period, they are endeavoring to see if the same work cannot be done with less outlay. Roosevelt did great things with dash and spirit. Taft is doing great things as a judiciously minded man would do them. The public ought to discriminate between the two men and each should have proper credit.—Des Moines Capital.

OUTRAGEOUS ABUSE OF POWER

The action of Governor Malcolm B. Patterson, of Tennessee, in pardoning Col. Duncan B. Cooper, who under due process of law had been convicted of complicity in the murder of the late Senator Carmack, in the opinion of the Des Moines Capital, is as outrageous an abuse of authority as has come to public notice in a long time. The Supreme Court had just affirmed the findings of the lower court, which had imposed a penitentiary sentence of twenty years, but a pardon was issued before the ink upon the court opinion had had time to dry.

As a reason for his astounding action Governor Patterson curtly announced that he had personally read the evidence and was convinced that the defendant was not guilty. Under what interpretation of Federal or State constitution does the chief executive of a State find authority to set aside the findings of juries and even annul the decrees of the courts of last resort? Have not the Southern States suffered enough from lawlessness?

That we may not be accused of mere Northern prejudice, we desire to quote the views of Editor Clark Howell, of the Atlanta Constitution, who, in discussing this "indefensible subversion of the pardoning power" says:

"It has no excuse or palliation in law or justice. No plea or argument can relieve it of its ugly appearance and its sinister threat."

"The time has come when politics must declare a final and an irrevocable divorce from the courts and the processes of justice."

"The mingling of the two carries a menace to our institutions, and a thwarting of the majesty and purpose of that law already laxly administered, and held in too great contempt in this country."

"Every thoughtful American citizen must hail the course of Governor Patterson with disapproval and with grave misgiving."

"It is a sad portent for the nation when public servants in high places pervert their power to screen proven guilt and to nullify those statutes reared for the protection of life and property."

Governor Patterson, charged with the immortal administration of law in a great commonwealth, has placed a premium upon bloodshed and violence. If there is another reign of lynch law inaugurated in Tennessee, what can Governor Patterson say when taunted with the cry: 'Remember the martyr Carmack and the falling of justice through the orderly process of law?'

Federal Finance

The improvement in customs receipts resulting from the large increase in importations is helping the Treasury Department to delay the issue of either bonds or certificates of indebtedness. The working balance is somewhat less than \$25,000,000, or about one-half the traditional balance, but that does not matter, so long as it remains at about that amount. There would be nothing to worry about if it were not for the debt which the Panama canal makes on the Treasury. The series of ordinary disbursements on ordinary receipts thus far in the fiscal year is \$17,105,275, but the expenditures on the canal account have brought the total deficit for the year to date to more than \$11,500,000.

The money spent on the Panama canal from the general fund, which now runs above \$105,000,000, will be returned as soon as the authorized canal bonds are sold. The selling of these securities depends on Congress, however, as Secretary MacVeagh has given notice that he will not put out any of the bonds until their circulation tax is equalized with the circulation tax on the old 2 per cent bonds. Congress appears not inclined to put the circulation tax for all bonds on a parity, yet it is such a sensible proposition that it is difficult to understand how the matter can be allowed to drag in the way it is doing.

The alternative to the issue of the Panama bonds, if the Treasury finds that it must raise more money than is coming in at the port and from the canal revenues, will be the issue of certificates of indebtedness. There is little likelihood now of it, but it is necessary to borrow on certificates during this fiscal year, and it may not be necessary for some time after the new fiscal year opens. It is to be borne in mind, however, that much of a delay after the opening of the fiscal year will mean that the government will be asking for a large amount of money at a time when millions will be needed to move the crops. This promises an interesting money market next fall. Buffalo Express.

Hughes for the Supreme Court

The President's selection of Governor Hughes of New York for the Supreme Court of the United States will have the approval of thinking men throughout the country. It would be difficult to name a distinguished lawyer who commands a greater share of the public confidence. Governor Hughes has shown other reforms, how it is possible to correct abuses without despoiling the land. He has known how to drive out the rats with out burning the barn. He has used the great powers of his office firmly and strongly, but with a judicial mind and the courage that does right without regard to passing clamors.

The man in whom the people do not lose confidence because they see some uses compelled to disagree with him is pre-eminently the manner of man that is needed on the Supreme bench. The visible fact that Charles E. Hughes is that kind of man is what makes the President's selection of him so welcome.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Badly Expressed

"For heaven's sake be more careful with that rifle, man!" exclaimed a musketry instructor. "You just missed me that time."

"Did I, sergeant? I'm awfully sorry!" responded the indifferent marksman.—London Mail.

The Wise Lady

Lover—Dearest, do you enjoy a brass band?
Beloved—Don't try me on that old one, George. If you give me a ring that makes a black mark on my finger, all is over between us.—Cleveland Leader.

THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



1564—Three ships sailed from France with supplies for the colony at Port Royal.

1662—Connecticut colony obtained a charter from King Charles II.

1673—Sir John Yeomans—proclaimed Governor of South Carolina at Charles Town.

1689—Massachusetts was without a Governor.

1775—Gen. Putnam joined the patriots at Concord, having rode his horse about one hundred miles in eight days.

1775—The Massachusetts provincial Congress voted to raise 13,000 men under command of Gen. Artemus Ward.

1777—Adoption of the constitution of the State of New York.

1779—Col. Van Schaick marched from Fort Schuyler and destroyed Onondaga, N. Y.

1782—John Adams received by Holland as minister from the United States.

1789—John Adams arrived in New York and assumed office as President of the United States Senate.

1793—Indians massacred the Thrasher family in Greene County, Georgia.

1833—Founding of Oberlin, Ohio.

1836—Texans under Gen. Houston defeated the Mexicans under Santa Anna in battle of San Jacinto.

1852—First alarm of fire by an electric telegraph system given in Boston.

1859—Consolidation of Washington and Jefferson Colleges in Pennsylvania.

1875—President Grant attended the centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington.

1881—Great banquet in Toronto in honor of the Hon. Edward Blake.

1882—Dominion Parliament passed the Pacific railway bill.

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He Whom Diogenes Sought

By Belle Maniates

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It was fully expected that the verdict would be "Not Guilty." Not that the evidence demanded such verdict, but the case had resolved purely and simply into a political affair, and the jurymen were all of the party in power. The defendant was Walter Ledeen, a popular young politician, clubman and society man. His air of confidence waned as the jury continued to remain out. When night came with no returns, he grew nervous. By morning he was white-faced and his finger nails were gnawed to the skin.

At last the foreman announced that there was no possibility of an agreement. The last, and in fact all of the ballots, had stood eleven to one for acquittal. When it was divulged that Jerry Winters was the one who had stood out, amazement and indignation ran high among Walter's clique. Jerry was an associate of the defendant, and, moreover, was said to be engaged to the defendant's sister, Edith.

To all remonstrances, inquiries and demands, Jerry had one answer: "The evidence showed that he was guilty. I did my duty."

It was clearly borne in upon the obstinate young jurymen that any political aspirations he might have entertained were doomed. It was to be expected that Walter would consider him an enemy.

But all Riverton watched with much curiosity to see what Edith would do. Jerry proceeded immediately to justify himself.

"I couldn't do otherwise, Edith," he said, manfully. "I strained every point I could. I tried my best to find a flaw in the evidence. There was none. I could not perjure myself."

"Jerry Winters," flashed the girl, "it was my brother you wanted to convict!"

"Don't, Edith!" he pleaded with a harassed look. "I tried my best to for-



get that fact. I had to give an unbiased opinion."

"Jerry!" she exclaimed, wildly, "don't ever dare speak to me again. I hate you! We are not only strangers henceforth, but enemies!"

"Edith," he said, sadly, "nothing could make me your enemy."

As time went on, Walter had a new trial, and was acquitted. His vindictiveness toward Jerry, however, did not diminish, and he did his best to injure his former friend. Still there were men who respected Jerry for his action. But neither the animosity of Walter and his coterie, nor the approbation of law abiders mattered much to Jerry. All he wanted or cared for was Edith and Edith's love. But she cut him publicly and with disdainful demeanor.

One day in early autumn, when baseball enthusiasm waxed high, when crowds gathered and waited and stamped in front of the places where the scores were shown, a crucial game was played at Riverton. The home team, the Stallwatts, were to play against the Lions. This was to be the game of games, for if the Stallwatts won it meant the pennant. All Riverton turned out to witness the game and shouted for the Stallwatts.

A gay young crowd was on the grand stand behind the plate. Among them were Walter and Edith. To their right, alone, was Jerry.

"Grand, gloomy and peculiar," the secretary sat alone," quoted Walter with a sneer and a glance at Jerry.

Edith looked, but she did not answer. She found herself looking surreptitiously and longingly at the lean-faced, honest-eyed man who had squared his shoulders at society's disapprobation.

There seemed to be some delay in the starting of the game.

"The umpire's sick, and they're looking up another," reported Walter after a tour of investigation.

In a few minutes the manager for the Stallwatts approached Jerry, who had played two seasons ago with the Stallwatts and was considered expert authority in all matters pertaining to the popular game. After a short conference Jerry left the stand and went down to the ground.

"Oh, Jerry, what a magnificent exhibition!" cried Walter, whose interest in the game was now intensified.

"The manager of the Lions won't consent," said Walter, "to have an ex-member of the opposing team act as umpire."

But the manager of the Lions knew of Jerry's proficiency in the game. He had heard also of his staunchness in the Ledeen case. He took Jerry's measure at a glance and announced that he was perfectly satisfied with the choice.

It was a close game, and people were breathless in their intensity and crazy in their cheering. At last came an awful moment. It was the last inning, and to that point the game was a tie. Then came a play that called for a close decision. It was so close that the spectators, and even some of the players, could not determine whether or not the man was "out."

Jerry decided for the Lions. The Stallwatts were manly and abided stoically by the umpire's decision, but hisses, jeers and groans came from the bleachers and from that part of the grand stand where Walter and his friends sat.

Jerry's decision in the Ledeen trial had made him unpopular only with a certain class, but now he felt that every one was against him. He knew he was down and out for evermore in Riverton.

Angry groups were gathering here and there on the way out of the grounds.

"You'd better not go down the street just now, Winters," said the manager of one of the teams. "You know what crazy fools a baseball mob is made up of."

Jerry's jaw came forward and he said decisively that he would go now. He went.

There were mutterings as he passed out of the gate and walked down the street. He walked alone until he was a block from the grounds. Then some one stepped up behind him—a girl—a very fair, tremulous girl, who said, timidly and softly:

"Jerry!"

"I am going with you, Jerry, if you will let me. I've shut my eyes and my heart all this time, and something has opened that I don't know enough about baseball to judge professionally of your decision, but a baseball friend sat right behind me, and when every one was mad and yelling at you this man said: 'By—! There is the man Diogenes was looking for! There's nothing so rare nowadays as an honest man!' I wanted to hug him, but I'll hug you instead, Jerry—if you will let me!"

He turned to her with a wonderful light in his eyes.

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SOCIAL DIVERSIONS

(Scene—Any large house on one of Chicago's fashionable streets. Before it are numerous motor cars and carriages and the strip of bright velvet carpet up the steps shows that an afternoon tea is in progress within. Two women, one in gray velvet, the other in green broadcloth with heavy hand embroidery, approach hastily down the sidewalk, changing to a leisurely pace as their feet touch the bright hued carpet.)

Woman in Gray—Thank goodness, we didn't meet a soul outside and any one seeing us now couldn't tell but what we had driven up in that electric motor standing at the curb!

Woman in Green—Our car is in the repair shop and—

Woman in Gray—It's been in all winter, hasn't it, dear? Anyone would think you didn't have one at all. I know some people who did that to save garage rent—not that I mean—of course—

Woman in Green (hastily)—Goodness, they've hired all the waiters in town. I think—four men in the hall alone! Yes, I'm going upstairs first. I'm going to keep my coat, but I think it's a shame for a hostess to fix her bedrooms up and have nobody see them. I heard that she had her own room done over completely in Circassian walnut and blue brocade, but I don't believe it, for a man told my husband that her husband was running awfully close to the wind. Well, it's Circassian walnut! Did you ever? Mercy, this is cheap face powder!

Woman in Gray—Lottie Thornton is here—that's her coat, the not-quite-looking one. She's worn it for ten years, I believe. Let's go down. Isn't there a crowd? I suppose everybody came because there weren't many other things to go to to-day. You can't make me believe Mrs. Kimbler is so dreadfully popular. She's just pushing. Look! Her dress is a fright! How do you do, Mrs. Kimbler! It's lovely to see you again! My dear, your decorations through the rooms are charming and make such a becoming background for you in that sweet frock.

Woman in Green—How are you, Mrs. Kimbler? I needn't ask, because you are looking awfully well. Dear me, there are so many people behind me that I can't get in even a little bit of chat. I'll move on!

Woman in Gray—She's got Mrs. Cedar and Mrs. Lake assisting. Now, how in the world did she manage that? You needn't tell me; I know she just grabbed and cornered them! That's her way. Just because she has a little money she dares try anything! Anybody can make a showing who is willing to do that! There's Sarah Hittay over there and isn't she terribly made up! Anyone who didn't know she was 37 would say she looked positively young! Good afternoon, Sarah! I was just saying how sweet you looked!

My dear, where did you get that perfectly stunning gown? It makes you look positively slim! No one glancing at you would think you weighed as much as you do! I wonder now, you had a lavender gown, your before last, and you've just had it covered with the spangled stuff and made over! Well, that's clever and most people would never dream it was an old gown.

Woman in Green—Let's go on out into the dining room. Let's go to get near that woman with the coral and low plumes so I can have a good look at her. Why, haven't you heard of her? She's the one who tried to rope in the Glendennings' son and his millions. She's ten years older than he and divorced and he was crazy about her till his father sent him to Morocco or Oshkosh or somewhere. Go slowly, Will, all I can say is that he certainly was crazy. I think that type of face with the big oriental eyes and scarlet lips is perfectly unlikable. It makes you think of snake charmers and things of that sort. Why are men such idiots?

Woman in Gray—That's not Mrs. Kimbler's lace tablecloth. Every place Alacorn has served this winter I've seen it! Orchids on the table! Well, I suppose she struck a bargain sale, for there's \$100 worth there!

Woman in Green—Isn't that Etta White at the coffee urn? They say her grandfather will leave her half a million. No wonder she is called the most popular debutante! My mother knew her mother when she had to scrub her own kitchen floor! Did you ever taste such weird sandwiches in your life?

Woman in Gray—They're awful. And I know that whipped cream is part of it. I expect the Kimblers had to save somewhere, since they got the circusman, waiter. And such little dabs of frozen punch! I know where she got those plates—I saw them at a mark-down sale one day. With these lights the gold on them looks almost like real hand work. Look at those women in the door—glaring! I think they want our seats. Some people are so—ill bred. We can get upstairs through this door—Osgood's! Look at the way things are piled on my fur! I never—Oh, you say you just this instant told your coat there? Well, sable crushes so. Oh, that woman stepped all over my train! What a pretty pink kerchief on the floor! I can't find my own so I'll just keep it. No doubt the owner is gone anywhere. Are you ready?

Woman in Green—Yes. Hurry before the doorman shouts out to ask your carriage number. Good-by Mrs. Kimbler—such a lovely time!

Woman in Gray—A perfectly charming afternoon! Good-by, Mrs. Kimbler!

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Strikingly Original.

John H. Raftery, now of Helena, Mont., was star reporter on a Chicago paper when the last national

encampment of the G. A. R. was held in that city, says the Saturday Evening Post. "History," said the city editor, "I want you to do a column introduction for the big parade story to-day. It will be a corking parade, but do try to get away from the old stereotyped boys-in-blue, fast-thinning ranks, faded battle-flags stuff. Give us something lively and new. Get a new angle on it and have your copy in at six." Raftery went out. He took a long look at the parade. He saw that most of the veterans wore new shoes and he came back and wrote his column, which began: "Heavens, how their feet hurt!"

Newspapers and the People. Whatever we may say of the modern press on its less commendable side, we are bound to admit that newspapers, like governments, fairly reflect the people they serve, writes Francis E. Leupp in the Atlantic.

Charles Dudley Warner once went so far as to say that no matter how objectionable the character of a paper may be, it is always a trifle better than the patrons on which it relies for its support. I suspect that Mr. Warner's comparison rested on the greater frankness of the bad paper, which, by a very virtue of its mode of appeal, is bound to make a brave parade of its worst qualities; whereas the reader who is loudest in proclaiming his public his repugnance for horrors, and his detestation of scandals, may in private be buying the sheet which peddles both most shamelessly.

Move to Protect Seals. Steps have at last been taken by the government of the Falkland Islands to stop the indiscriminate slaughter of seals and penguins on the islands of their dependencies. Up to the present the seal rookeries of the Falklands have been at the mercy all the year round of every foreign-sealing vessel that chose to invade them and the slaughter that has been going on for years in consequence has nearly exterminated the seals. Similarly, the killing of penguins, usually for the sake of the blubber and the large quantity of fat which each bird affords, has almost denuded the islands of these interesting specimens of their fauna. Two bills have now been introduced into the legislative council—one to regulate the seal fishery in the islands and the other to provide for the preservation of the penguins.

Remarkable Surgical Operation.

A remarkable surgical operation has been performed by Dr. Morrison, at Queen's hospital, Birmingham, upon a man named Charles Endall, who had been suffering from a stricture of the

gullet caused by having taken sulphuric acid in mistake for whiskey. The man's throat having been closed, a new permanent mouth was opened in his side, through which he was fed by means of a tube. He gained weight and was able to leave the institution, but gave way to drink, and died from exhaustion through stricture, hastened by bronchitis.

Post Cards. The invention of postal cards is attributed to a gentleman of Vienna, Austria, and the first ever used were issued by the Austrian government in 1869. They were adopted in England, Germany and Switzerland in 1870, the United States authorized them in June, 1872, and the first cards issued under the act were sent out in May, 1873. The return postal card had been in use in a number of European countries before it came in use with us in the early eighties. We have imported and vulgarized the illuminated postal card within the last half a dozen years or so.

Sheep as Land Cleaners. In discussing the value of sheep on a country place, their services as land cleaners should not be ignored. They like pasture grass, but they seem to like weeds and bushes even better for browse. They will often clear up an old field in a year or two, so that what was a tangle of unsightly weeds and shrubs will appear a smooth-shaven lawn. Angoras are simply wonders at this sort of thing, but the common, everyday sheep of the ordinary breed will do mighty good work, if you confine her to her job and put in enough of her. Country Life in America.

Awful Fate of Blasphemer. A terrible tale comes from Tasildje Növl-Bazar, in the Balkans, concerning the lynching of a blasphemer by an infuriated mob of Mohammedans. The victim was a common laborer, and in course of drunken vapors he gave utterance to certain blasphemous remarks which aroused the listening crowd to frenzy. The man was dragged into the yard of an adjacent house, and a dead-end of a quantity of lead was melted. He was then ordered to open his mouth, and as he refused and kept it tightly closed his lips were forced apart and his teeth broken, after which the molten lead was poured down his throat.

Growth of Mahogany Trees.

The observations of H. N. Thompson, conservator of forests for southern Nigeria, indicate that the mahogany tree grows much more rapidly

than the number of so-called annual rings suggests. Mr. Thompson thinks that they show three or four well marked zones of growth each year, corresponding to the four seasons. Both forest trees and those grown in the botanical garden exhibit the same phenomenon. On the site of the town of Ilaye, destroyed 60 years ago, a forest has grown up containing mahogany trees with trunks exceeding ten feet in girth.

The Lusitania's Telephone. The telephones used on the steamship Lusitania are quite interesting. The induction coil, conductor and bell of the instrument are inclosed in a small white enamel box, and the switch which projects from one side is provided with a special retaining device to prevent the receiver from being knocked off by the motion of the ship. The receiver is allowed to rock on the hook, otherwise the lever would lift and make a false connection when the ship was pitching and rolling.

Wonderful Human Ear. Wonderful as are the functions of the eye, the ear appears to be a yet more marvelous instrument. People with good hearing do not appreciate the inexplicable delicacy of the little instrument that nature has implanted on each side of their heads. But anatomists, appreciate without being able to understand it. There is hardly any trouble with the eye that they cannot adjust, but not so with the ear. When its fairy mechanism is jangled and out of tune it is often impossible to restore its functions. It is the greatest mystery of the human organism.

Turkey Real American Bird. The turkey, rather than the eagle, is the real American bird. Eagles are found all over the world, but the turkey is a foreigner everywhere else, except in America, his native home. The wild turkey of America is the progenitor of all the turkeys in the world. In North America, Mexico and Honduras the turkey was found in great numbers by the white man, but in South America the bird is unknown. Scientists are agreed that the turkey resides outside of his continent only as an immigrant, and that his native home must be sought somewhere north of the Isthmus of Panama.

Fire Alarm Calls.

Directions for turning in Alarm.

Break glass and turn the lever once around until it stops; you can only turn it one way. Do not turn in a second time, until lever has stopped moving.

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- 28—Michigan Avenue and Spruce east of Court House.
- 32—Michigan Avenue and Norway St. M. C. R. R. Depot.
- 37—Ottawa Street, at Hose House.
- 43—Ogemaw and Cedar streets, near McKay House.
- 46—Spruce and Ionia streets, near Julius Nelson's house.
- 54—Michigan Ave. and Park street near Chris Hanson's house.
- 55—Ogemaw and Maple streets near John Hanson's house.
- 64—Salling, Hanson Co., Planing mill.
- 73—Salling, Hanson Co., Band mill.
- 82—Kerry, Hanson, Flooring mill.
- 91—Railroad Reserve, south side on Electric light pole.

The whistle will blow off the number after the general alarm has been given.

Enormous Value of Corn Crop.

Corn grows in 120 days from its planting time. Out in the great corn belt, during 1909, the corn farmers made the ground give up to them \$15,000,000 every day of those 120.

In other words, every day from the time the corn farmers put the seed in the ground, \$15,000,000 were poured into their laps until a grand total of \$1,720,000,000 was rolled up! All the gold and silver in the whole United States to-day isn't equal to this corn crop of last year.—Travel Magazine for March.

Must Wear Hats in Court. A London Judge had a woman ejected from his court because she came into it without a hat. He said that the injunction of St. Paul in regard to the wearing of hats in church had been applicable to courts of law from time immemorial. The woman argued the matter, but the ruling stood.

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Peculiar Charitable Idea.

The proposed home for indigent southern women in New York has met with such generous support on the part of northern women that the plan has been changed and widened. Instead of building the home in Virginia, as was at first proposed, it has now been determined to erect it near New York and to open it to both northern and southern women. It is planned to conduct it along the lines of the Louise home in Washington, where President Tyler's daughter spent her last days. The only restrictions will be that the inmates shall be of gentle birth and respectable. Mrs. Le Roy Brown is at the head of the committee which is raising the necessary funds.

Trouble Caused by Oil.

The pious wish expressed by Senator Jeff Davis that Mr. Rockefeller might be burnt eternally with his own oil, has been taken up by the United States congress in the early days of the Standard Oil Company. The petitioners prayed that a stop might be put to the irreverent and irreverent proceedings of the trust in drawing such enormous quantities of petroleum from the earth and thus checking the designs of the Almighty, who had stored it there with a view to the eventual destruction of the world.—Chicago News.

Memorial to Prof. Harper.

Ground has been broken for the great library building at the University of Chicago, which is to serve as a memorial to the late President William Rainey Harper. The contract price is \$600,000 and the building is to be completed by the summer of 1911. The structure will be 276 by 80 feet, fronting on the Midway plaza.